

# Blood Road Muck Mitigation Site

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The Ducks Unlimited (DU) mission focuses on protecting and restoring wetland resources critical to sustaining North America's waterfowl populations. DU utilizes a scientific approach to prioritize its conservation and mitigation activities. At a high-level, conservation priorities are identified by a team of international biologists made up of waterfowl and conservation experts spanning government, academia, and NGO sectors as described in the North American Waterfowl Management Plan (NAWAMP; United States Fish and Wildlife Service 1986, 2012). DU's applied version of this plan, The International Conservation Plan identifies portions of New York as priority landscapes for waterfowl conservation (Ducks Unlimited, 2005, 2019). Furthermore, the northeastern United States and adjacent Canada support an estimated 7.6 million breeding waterfowl, 2.7 million wintering waterfowl, and four to five million migrating waterfowl.

DU established the New York In-Lieu Fee Program (DU-NY ILF Program) to provide a third-party compensatory mitigation option for unavoidable wetland impacts in this priority landscape. DU has developed a suite of GIS-planning tools to aide in the identification of wetland restoration and protection opportunities within these Service Areas following techniques described by Hunter et al. 2012 and Raney and Leopold 2018. DU's top-down prioritization of landscapes and significant wetland features within those landscapes enables DU to identify priority areas for wetland conservation and mitigation activities on a watershed-scale. DU thoroughly evaluated wetland restoration opportunities in the Buffalo-Eighteenmile Creek Service Area (SA) (Figure 1) prior to coordinating the selection of this site with the IRT.

This plan describes an approach to provide mitigation at a 28.59-acre "Site" (Blood Road Muck) protected by DU Lands (DUL), a DU subsidiary land-trust (Figure 2) in the Buffalo-Eighteenmile Creek Service Area. The Site is located within a Great Lakes Area of Concern and a regional priority area for waterfowl conservation. This mitigation plan has been prepared and will be implemented by DU in accordance with 33 CFR 332.4, the "U.S. Army Corps of Engineers New York District Compensatory Mitigation Guidelines" and the "Guidelines for Mitigation Banking in Ohio" (currently used by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Buffalo District). A Mitigation Plan is submitted for public comment followed by Interagency Review Team review for potential approval.





**Figure 1. Site Location and Service Area.**

Approximate coordinates Latitude: 42°47'23.58" N and Longitude: 78°36'00" W. The Site is accessed from 2670 West Blood Road, East Aurora, NY. This Site serves the Buffalo-Eighteenmile Creek Service Area, comprised of the 8-digit HUC: 04120103.



**Figure 2 View of the Site.**

The 28.59-acre property is owned by DU Lands LLC. (DUL). DUL is a wholly owned subsidiary of Ducks Unlimited.

## **1. Introduction and Objectives**

The primary goal of the Blood Road Muck Mitigation Site (hereafter: Site) is to provide wetland reestablishment, rehabilitation, and preservation to compensate for wetland loss. The Buffalo-Eighteenmile Creek Watershed has a high incidence of wetlands that have suffered from past drainage activities evident when reviewing aerial imagery, including forested and open peatlands that are now regionally uncommon. This project offers an important opportunity to restore now rare wetland types – forested and open peatlands.

More specifically this site provides an opportunity to:

- Replace wetland functions lost at impact sites and address threats identified in the DU NY ILF Compensation Planning Framework
- Reestablish wetland acreage for a regionally rare and biologically significant wetland type
- Reduce greenhouse emissions through a reduction/elimination of farming activities at the mitigation site
- Provide new habitat and or foraging opportunities for wildlife including species of greatest conservation need
- Provide a buffer and improve habitat conditions along a tributary of Buffalo Creek
- Provide habitat for migratory waterfowl
- Permanently protect the site for conservation purposes

## **2. Site Selection**

### **2.1 Site Description**

The Site is located at Latitude: 42°47'23.58" N and Longitude: 78°36'00" W accessed by a shared driveway from West Blood Road in the Town of Elma, Erie County, New York in the Buffalo-Eighteenmile Creek Service Area (8-digit HUC 04120103) (Figure 1). A reciprocal access agreement with the neighboring homeowner was recorded in the lands of Erie County enabling ingress/egress to the site. This parcel originally included a house and three outbuildings along West Blood Road. Upon purchasing the property, DUL subdivided a 1.4-acre residential parcel, which included all of the structures, from the remaining 28.59-acre Site retained for

mitigation. Due to residential zoning requirements, all of the frontage along West Blood Road is contained within the 1.4-acre parcel. Access to the Site has been provided through a Reciprocal Access and Maintenance Agreement granting shared use of the driveway from West Blood Road. DU, its agents and subsidiaries retained rights to manage and hydrologically influence the property through a Site Access Management and Overland Flowage Easement (SAMOFE) that was reviewed by USACE prior to execution (Figure 2; Appendix D, Appendix H) The SAMOFE prohibits the owner of the lot from manipulating the hydrology or managing the property in a manner inconsistent with the conservation values of the site.

This site was selected because it addresses the threats listed in the DU NY ILF Program Compensation Planning Framework, including fragmentation, urbanization and conversion to agriculture and because of its unique potential to reestablish a medium fen, a regionally rare and biologically significant wetland type within a Great Lakes Area of Concern (Edinger et al., 2014; Medium fens are moderately minerotrophic (calcium, magnesium influenced) peatlands that have pore-water pH of 6.2-6.9 and typically support high densities of rare and threatened species, nearby medium fens in similar topographic settings provide a high degree of support that this is drained fen site (NYNHP, 2015; Raney & Leopold, 2018; Sjörs, 1950) During site inspections extensive drainage tile, ditching, and the presence of muck soils indicated the site was formerly a wetland. Some species indicative of medium fens were also encountered including Poison Sumac. Suitable conditions for reestablishing wetland acreage exist at the site in areas of farmed Palms muck. Hydrological conditions are described further in Section 6.2, in the Wetland Delineation Report (Appendix A), and are shown in the Work Plan (Appendix B). The Site spans 28.59-acres and is presently protected by DUL ownership. A conservation easement encompassing the Site will be established to permanently protect natural areas on this property.

The wetland mitigation plan takes into consideration priorities identified in the New York State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP) (NYSDEC, 2015). These include protection and restoration of northern peatland, the restoration and enhancement of riparian buffers, and the control of invasive and problematic native plant species. In addition to the wetland restoration activities at the Site, upland buffer areas will be planted to native upland trees and shrubs. The Site will also provide important benefits to water quality, as the New York State Department of Environmental

Conservation (NYSDEC) identifies stream bank erosion and silt/sediment loads as a concern in this watershed (NYSDEC, 2010). The Site contains approximately 24.5-acres that has been in agricultural use under a rotation of fruit and vegetable crops, while the surrounding area is experiencing a shift from largely agricultural to residential land use. Protection and restoration of this property, with much of the Site being planted to woody vegetation, will reduce streambank erosion and improve water quality within the watershed.

The Site already provides breeding and migration habitat for waterfowl species such as mallard and wood duck, that is likely to improve through restoration activities. Several bird species of greatest conservation need (SGCN) identified in the State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP, NYSDEC, 2015) have been observed in the vicinity of the Site. Specifically, the objectives of this plan are to:

- re-establish 2.52 acres of palustrine emergent (PEM) wetlands
- re-establish 8.58 acres of palustrine forested (PFO) wetlands
- rehabilitate 3.53 acres of PEM wetlands
- rehabilitate 8.98 acres of PFO wetlands
- rehabilitate 1.00 acres of upland buffer
- preserve 2.11 acres of open water
- preserve 1.70 acres of upland buffer

A total of 28.42 acres of habitat will be preserved or restored through this project.

### **3. Site Protection Instrument**

In 2020, DUL DU Lands, LLC (DUL) a wholly owned subsidiary of DU purchased a 30.00 acre property that included a residence in order to secure the property protected for use as an ILF site. DUL, subdivided out the house and sold it in 2021. Due to municipal lot-depth requirements, the residential property, which was sold to the neighboring homeowner had to extend into the northern edge of the muck field. DU, DUL and the homeowner executed a USACE-approved Site Access and Management and Overland Flowage Easement (SAMOFÉ) for 0.48 acres (as shown in Figure 2) agreement that included provisions for DU and its agents to continue managing, accessing, and hydrologically influencing a portion of the residential property. The SAMOFÉ was recorded to the Deed in the lands of Erie County. The area under the SAMOFÉ will not be included in the Conservation Easement as part of the protected property, and is excluded from credit production and any and all performance requirements under this Instrument

Amendment as it lies outside of the Site constituting the Protected Property. The SAMOFE area may be managed by DU. The Protected Property limits are coincident with the property boundary as shown in Appendix D.

The SAMOFE prevents the residential owner and any future residential owners from undertaking actions that would be detrimental to the purpose of restoring and conserving the Protected Property as a site for wetland mitigation purposes. The sale of the house enabled a significant reduction in the cost-basis for the Protected Property below typical costs per acre, thereby providing an opportunity to develop a larger site than would have been practical under typical cost-constraints in this watershed (residual land expense less the sale of the house is provided in Appendix F).

DUL anticipates transfer of the retained property (Figure 2) to a local land trust who will serve as the Long-term Steward. Wetlands America Trust, a wholly owned subsidiary of DU, and an accredited Land Trust will be granted a Conservation Easement at the time of fee ownership transfer. The Easement over the protected property will meet the site protection requirements of 332.7(a)(1). Signs shall be erected and maintained that identify the protected property for conservation purposes. It is anticipated that the Western New York Land Conservancy (WNYLC) will be the Long-term Steward. WNYLC has nearby conservation holdings, making them knowledgeable about the types of threats and management concerns that may arise during long-term management of this site. In the event WNYLC is unable to serve as the Long-term Steward, DU will stand in this role until a long-term manager acceptable to the USACE and IRT is identified. Following approval of the Instrument Amendment, and upon transfer of the property, WAT will be granted a perpetual Conservation Easement on the Site in a form approved by the Corps of Engineers. An endowment will be established with funds sufficient to support annual monitoring of the Conservation Easement, and a separate endowment will be established to support long-term stewardship activities identified in the Long-Term Management Plan. Any transfer of the property or transfer of interest in the Mitigation Property from the Sponsor to another party requires IRT consultation and USACE approval. Any such sale or conveyance made without the prior written concurrence of USACE constitutes default and USACE may take action accordingly.



With the exception of activities approved in this Plan and the associated Permit affirmation, or activities approved by the USACE, no further alterations to the Protected Property – defined as the area under the Conservation Easement Boundary limits shall occur (Appendix D). Prohibited alterations include but are not limited to:

1. **General.** There shall be no future fillings, flooding, excavating, mining, or drilling; no removal of natural materials (soil, sand, gravel, rock, minerals, etc.); no dumping of materials; and no alteration of the topography which would materially affect the Protected Property in any manner, except as authorized by the Permit, ILFP Instrument, Instrument Amendment, and any modifications thereof.
2. **Waters and Wetlands.** In addition to the general restrictions above, within the Protected Property there shall be no draining, dredging, damming, or impounding; no changing the grade or elevation, impairing the flow or circulation of waters, or reducing the reach of waters; and no other discharges or activity requiring a permit under applicable water pollution control laws and regulations, except as authorized by the Permit, ILFP Instrument, Instrument Amendment, and any modifications thereof.
3. **Trees/Vegetation.** On the Protected Property there shall be no clearing, burning, cutting, or destroying of trees or vegetation, except as may be necessary to protect public health or safety or as authorized by the Permit, ILFP Instrument, Instrument Amendment, and any modifications thereof; there shall be no planting or introduction of non-native or exotic species of trees or vegetation.
4. **Uses.** No agricultural, animal husbandry, industrial, residential development, mining, logging, or commercial activity shall be undertaken or allowed on the Protected Property.
5. **Structures.** There shall be no construction, erection, or placement of buildings, billboards, or any other structures, to include fences, parking lots, trailers, mobile homes, camping accommodations, or recreational vehicles, or additions to existing structures, on the Protected Property, except as authorized by the Permit, ILFP Instrument, Instrument Amendment, and any modifications thereof.
6. **New Roads.** There shall be no construction of new roads, trails, or walkways on the Protected Property without the prior written approval (including approval of the manner of construction) of DU, DUL, WAT and the USACE.
7. **Utilities.** There shall be no construction or placement of utilities or related facilities (including telecommunications towers and antennas) on the Protected Property without the prior written approval (including approval of the manner of construction) of DU, DUL, WAT and the USACE.
8. **Pest Control.** There shall be no application of pesticides or biological controls, including controls of problem vegetation, on the Protected Property without prior written approval (including approval of the manner of application) of DU, DUL, WAT and the USACE, or as authorized by the Permit, ILFP Instrument, Instrument Amendment, and any modifications thereof.
9. **Vehicular Use.** There shall be no use of any motorized vehicle or motorized equipment, and no use of any non-motorized bicycle anywhere on the Protected Property, except in the case of emergency, for the purpose of enforcement of applicable laws and regulations, for the purpose of monitoring compliance with the purposes of this Conservation Easement, or as authorized by the Permit, ILFP Instrument, Instrument Amendment, and any modifications thereof.

**10. Subdivision.** There shall be no division or subdivision of the Protected Property.

**11. Other Prohibitions.** Any other use of, or activity on, the Protected Property which is or may become inconsistent with the purposes of the Conservation Easement, the preservation of the Protected Property substantially in its natural condition, or the protection of its environmental systems, is prohibited, except as authorized by the Permit, ILFP Instrument, Instrument Amendment, and any modifications thereof.

DU will provide funds to the Long-Term Steward for the establishment of a stewardship endowment to be used for long-term monitoring and management of the site according to the long-term management plan (Described further in Section 10).

#### **4. Determination of Credits**

The IRT will determine credits based on wetland and upland buffer acres that meet or exceed performance standards, described in Section 8, and the credit ratios from the DU ILF Instrument as shown in Table 1. The credit generation table will be modified as monitoring provides specific information on the size and quality of the wetlands being re-established, rehabilitated, and enhanced. Should areas not meet all of the performance criteria described in Section 8 at the end of the 10-year monitoring period, the program sponsor may request more time to achieve goals, or request that the Corps of Engineers consider an appropriate reduction in credit generation, or the Corps of Engineers may require additional monitoring/corrective action at the ILF Site.

We propose an 8:1 credit ratio for deepwater aquatic habitats and/or vegetated shallows that develop within wetland reestablishment areas. For wetland rehabilitation areas, deepwater aquatic habitats and/or vegetated shallows will only be credited where they equal 10% or less of the rehabilitation areas on the site and are part of a well-integrated complex. Deepwater aquatic habitats and vegetated shallows do not meet Corps the definition of wetland and will thereby will not be credited the same as wetlands. Deepwater aquatic habitat is defined as any open water area that is either a) permanently inundated at mean annual water depths >6.6 ft, lacks soil, and/or is either unvegetated or supports only floating or submersed macrophytes, or b) permanently inundated areas ≤6.6 ft in depth that do not support rooted-emergent or woody plant species. Areas ≤6.6 ft mean annual depth that support only submergent aquatic plants are vegetated shallows, not wetlands. Vegetated shallows and/or deep-water habitats over 0.1 acre in size will be mapped in each monitoring report/delineation. It is not anticipated that any such



deepwater aquatic habitats will exist at the site.

### Table 1 Credit Generation

The program sponsor anticipates the ILF Site will generate between 15.0 and 17.84 credits based on the following ratios and acreages for each mitigation activity.

Mitigation Activity	Acre	Ratio (Acre:Credit)	Credits Generated
PEM Re-establishment	2.52	1:1	2.52
PEM Rehabilitation	3.53	2:1	1.77
PFO Re-establishment	8.58	1:1	8.58
PFO Rehabilitation	8.98	2:1	4.49
Upland Buffer Rehabilitation	1.00	8:1	0.13
Upland Buffer Preservation	1.70	20:1	0.09
Open Water Preservation	2.11	8:1	0.26
<b>Total</b>	<b>28.42</b>		<b>17.84</b>

In order for the performance standard to be met, re-established wetlands must have a VIBI-FQ of 40. Whereas rehabilitated/enhanced wetlands must have a VIBI-FQ of 40 or a 10-point increase from the baseline, whichever is higher. Three baseline VIBI-FQ plots were established, and plant diversity recorded in representative areas of the drained muck field as shown in baseline conditions in Appendix B. A full list of plant species identified at the site can be viewed in Table 2. VIBI plots 1 through 3 scored 36.70, 33.53, and 25.06 respectively. These results reflect the decrease in plant diversity and increase in invasive species prevalence from north to south across the muck field. Based on these results, we anticipate an ecological lift will be achieved with the restoration of hydrology, implementation of invasive species control, and the planting plan in accordance with Ohio Wetland Mitigation Guidelines specifications.

The majority of the Site has been cleared and drained and was in fruit and vegetable crop production as recently as 2015. Much of the agricultural acreage within the lower Buffalo Creek watershed has been converted to residential development which continues to spread into upstream reaches. Wetlands that were previously cleared, drained, and fragmented for agriculture are now being encroached upon by housing, infrastructure and commercial development within the watershed (DU permit data). Furthermore, recent years have seen volatility in regulatory authority over wetlands (SWANCC, Rapanos, Clean Water Rule, Navigable Waters Protection Rule), and recent studies suggest that relaxation of the Clean Water Act such as those currently

in effect under the Navigable Waters Protection Rule may lead to further wetland losses(Dahl, 2011; Raney & Leopold, 2018).

Wetland A and portions of wetlands B and C will be treated for invasive species and all wetland reestablishment and rehabilitation areas will be seeded with a wetland seed mix (Table 3).

Hydrology will be increased in these areas through a combination of drain tile disruption, grading, culvert removal, and ditch plugs (Appendix B), with the goal of restoring the site to forested and open peatlands. We propose a 1:1 credit ratio for re-established wetlands and 2:1 for the rehabilitated wetlands. Rehabilitation occurs where both hydrologic and plant community improvements are being made to an existing wetland.

The 2:1 ratio requested for rehabilitated wetlands reflects the significance of peatland site as rare community type in New York State(Edinger et al., 2014), and the fact that despite near complete drainage, the site has soils that are diagnostic of past hydrological influences, therefore tipping the delineation toward a disturbed wetland class . Peatland functioning is greatly inhibited by drainage activities, and while drained peatlands often still meet USACE delineation criteria due to the presence of soils diagnostic of past hydrological influences, their functioning when drained may be severely degraded and they may otherwise be functioning as an upland -i.e., no direct hydrology, few hydrophytes (e.g., Wassen et al., 1996). Additionally, drained peatlands become sources of greenhouse gases as previously anaerobic conditions lead to aerobic respiration of plant material. The sponsor suggests that since this is a well-drained site (Figure 5), a ratio of at least 2:1 reflects the ecological lift that will be obtained by re-saturating the peat and muck present on site. Other wetland types may appear to be more completely converted from wetlands, but peatlands are still substantially impacted when drained, credit ratios should reflect this functional lift (Chimner et al., 2016). The existing PEM wetlands have been degraded through past disturbances including extensive drainage, tillage, and the introduction of invasive species. The project sponsor anticipates efforts to rehabilitate the hydrology and plant community on this site will be more similar to costs to reestablish wetlands, hence the request for a 2:1 ratio.

The proposed upland buffer rehabilitation areas occur along the western side of the main field. These areas were primarily used for access and staging of farm equipment and currently include a variety of herbaceous non-native species associated with cropland (*Ambrosia psilostachya*,

*Lamium purpureum*, *Taraxacum officinale*), providing very little diversity. This area will be planted to a native upland forest community, which will provide higher value for wildlife, greater diversity, and will serve to store additional carbon. The rehabilitated upland forest areas will add to the existing adjacent upland forest, improve the vegetation community, and provide year-round, high quality cover for wildlife. Due to the anticipated ecological lift and the cost of establishing upland forest, an 8:1 credit-ratio is proposed for upland buffer rehabilitation.

Preservation of the existing forested upland buffer will maintain habitat continuity within a residential area and a diverse array of cover-types to increase wildlife usage. Wetlands and streams without intact upland buffers typically have lower plant diversity, more invasives, higher nutrients, sediment inputs, and temperatures. A survey of the vegetation within the existing forested buffer area to the west of the muck field documented 43 species with an FQAI score of 26.08. Given the importance of buffers to Buffalo Creek, adjacent wetlands, and the quality of the habitat, a ratio of 20:1 for upland buffer preservation is recommended.

Provided that preservation is documented, and financial assurances are in place (conservation easement has been recorded) the credit release schedule will include:

- All of the credits associated with preservation will be released upon approval of this Instrument Amendment, recordation of the conservation easement, and execution of financial assurances.
- 10% of the credits for re-establishment and rehabilitation will be released upon approval of the Instrument Amendment.
- 20% of the credits for re-establishment and rehabilitation will be released at completion of planting and approval of the as-built drawing by the IRT.
- 15% of the credits for re-establishment and rehabilitation will be released after meeting all of the components of the first interim goal.
- 15% of the credits for re-establishment and rehabilitation will be released after meeting all of the components of the second interim goal.
- 15% of the credits for re-establishment and rehabilitation will be released after meeting all of the components of the third interim goal.
- 25% of the credits for re-establishment and rehabilitation will be released after the final performance standards have been met for the 10-year monitoring period, provided a USACE approved long-term management plan has been executed and funded and the

conservation easement endowment has been funded, and all other obligations and performance standards set forth in the instrument amendment and permit have been met.

## **5. Baseline Ecological Characteristics**

### **5.1 Historic and Existing Plant Communities, Including Wetlands**

The Site has a history of use as agricultural land dating back to at least the 1920's. Vegetation communities were surveyed between June and September of 2020, and are further described in the wetland delineation report in Appendix A. Here we provide a brief summary of the plant communities and provide photographs of current site conditions. The emergent wetlands within the muck field are dominated by rough bentgrass (*Agrostis scabra*), bristly sedge (*Carex comosa*), soft rush (*Juncus effusus*), sensitive fern (*Onoclea sensibilis*), and purplestem aster (*Symphotrichum puniceum*). Six isolated pockets of common reed (*Phragmites australis*) covering an area of approximately 1.7 acres are found within the PEM zone, and will be addressed with mowing and spraying during and following construction activities. The upland forest along the western side of the Site is dominated by sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*), eastern white pine (*Pinus strobus*), and eastern hemlock (*Tsuga canadensis*), with American hornbeam (*Carpinus caroliniana*), eastern teaberry (*Gaultheria procumbens*), northern spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*), and cinnamon fern (*Osmundastrum cinnamomeum*) in the understory. Lesser numbers of peatland and fen species were recorded on the site that are likely a remnant of the historic plant community that existed, these include white turtlehead (*Chelone glabra*), tamarack (*Larix laricina*), great blue lobelia (*Lobelia siphilitica*), and rough-leaved goldenrod (*Solidago patula*).

## Blood Road Muck Photos.



Agricultural drainage remains functional in the northern and eastern portions of the muck field, resulting in a water table below 22". These areas are currently dominated by FACU species and have the largest reestablishment potential. Photo taken August 27, 2019.



Much of the central and southern portions of the muck field delineated as wetland. Photo taken June 8, 2020.





Muck soils were at least 20" deep across the majority of the site.



An unnamed tributary to Buffalo Creek that has been channelized to provide drainage to the site, while existing perimeter and interior drainage ditches were tied into the stream. Planned grading adjacent to this stream will allow high flows to enter and remain on the site, without disturbing the stream itself. Photo taken August 17, 2020.





Evidence of tile drainage can be seen across the site. During construction, existing tile lines will be located and disrupted. Photos taken June 8, 2020.





In conjunction with construction activities, invasive species will be mowed prior to a broad-cast herbicide application. Photo taken June 9, 2020.



Upland forest borders the muck field to the west and south. Photo taken June 8, 2020.





The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation has approved the plan to remove a pole barn located within the Site Access and Overland Flowage Easement Area owned by the neighboring property owner. Photo taken August 27, 2019.

### Cultural Resources

A request for a cultural and historic resources review was submitted to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) and a response was received. According to OPRHP, no cultural resources will be affected by the wetland mitigation activities (Appendix C).

## **5.2 Site Land Use History, Including Structures**

There is a pole barn located at the north end of the muck field (“w.f. shed” in Appendix D), on the residential parcel that was subdivided from the Site. This barn, built in 1977, will be demolished and removed as part of the planned mitigation activities. Through a site access, maintenance, and overland flowage easement, the current owner of the residential parcel has granted DU the right to remove this structure. Likewise, this demolition was included in the cultural and historic resources review and has been approved by OPRHP.

From a review of aerial photography dating back to 1928, fields within the Site have been continuously maintained for agricultural production (Figure 3). Additional land was cleared for agriculture between 1928 and 1995. More recent aerial photos indicate that portions of the muck field have been rotated in and out of fruit and vegetable production from 2005 to 2018. On-site reviews in August 2019 and June through September 2020 provided evidence of previous hydrological modifications, including ditching and tile drainage. Much of the Site's cropland areas appear to have historically supported more extensive wetlands prior to drainage and tillage activities. There are no known hazardous material sites located on or within the vicinity of the Site.



**Figure 3 Historical Aerial Photos from Blood Road Muck.**

Wetlands on the property were cleared and drained some time between 1928 and 1951, and was continuously in agriculture through the 1990's. From 2005 and 2018 portions of the muck field had been rotated in and out of fruit and vegetable crops.

### 5.3 Soil Descriptions

Based on the Soil Survey of Erie County, New York (USDA Official Soil Series Descriptions) the soil series mapped on-site include Canandaigua silt loam, Palms muck, and Varysburg gravelly loam. A soils map is provided in Figure 4. Soil conditions in the field appear to conform to the mapped soil series. Additionally, soil borings were taken throughout areas potentially suitable for restoration work. Descriptions of soil borings are provided in the work plans for the Site in Appendix B. Overall soils appear suitable for shallow grading and ditch plug construction.

**Cc-Canandaigua silt loam.** The Canandaigua series consists of deep, poorly drained and very poorly drained soils on lowland lake plains and in upland depressions. These soils formed in lake-laid deposits. Slopes range from 0 to 3 percent. The thickness of the solum ranges from 20 to 40 inches, and depth to carbonate ranges from 18 to 60 inches. Depth to bedrock is more than 5 feet. There are usually no coarse fragments, but they range up to 3 percent in some pedons. The Ap or A1 horizon (0-9") is silt loam, very fine sandy loam, or mucky silt loam. The B horizon (9-37") is very fine sandy loam to silty clay loam with random subhorizons of lighter or heavier textures, but the average clay content in the 10- to 40-inch control section is between 18 and 35 percent. The C horizon (37-60") is silt loam or very fine sandy loam. Thin layers or bands that have a wide range in texture are in the C horizon of some pedons.

**Pa-Palms muck.** The Palms series consists of deep, very poorly drained soils in depressional areas of lake plains and till plains throughout the county. These soils formed in decomposed organic deposits underlain by loamy mineral soil material. The organic mantle is 16 to 50 inches thick. Slopes range from 0 to 3 percent but is dominantly less than 1 percent. The Oa horizon (0-38") contains herbaceous and woody organic material with less than 10 percent mineral content. The IICg horizon (38-50") is fine sandy loam to silty clay loam. Coarse fragments are 0 to 15 percent.

**VbD-Varysburg gravelly loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes.** The Varysburg series consist of deep, well drained and moderately well drained soils on dissected lake plains and valley sides where gravelly deposits are 20 to 40 inches thick over fine textured sediments. These soils formed in gravelly glacial outwash deposits and the underlying clayey lake sediments. Slope ranges from 0 to 40 percent but is dominantly 3 to 8 percent. The thickness of the solum ranges from 35 to 50 inches. Depth to carbonates is 35 to 60 inches. Depth to clayey material ranges from 20 to 35 inches. Coarse fragments range from 15 to 35 percent in the A horizon, increasing with depth to as much as 55 percent in the B horizon. Fragments are mostly gravel, but in places there are channery fragments. There are very few or no coarse fragments in the IIB and IIC horizons. Bedrock is at a depth of more than 5 feet. The Ap horizon (0-9") is gravelly loam to gravelly sandy loam, but gravelly silt loam is most common. The B1 horizon (9-15") ranges from sandy loam through silt loam. Consistence is friable or very friable. The B&A horizon (15-21") is silt loam, sandy loam, or loam with gravelly or very gravelly analogs of those textures. Consistence is friable or firm. The B2t horizon (21-28") is very gravelly silt loam to very gravelly sandy loam. The IIBt horizon (28-41") is silty clay loam or silty clay. Consistence is firm or very firm. The IIC horizon (41-60") is silt clay or clay with varves of silt or silt loam common in many pedons.





**Figure 4 Soils Map.**

Restoration activities will occur primarily in Palms Muck (Pa).

#### 5.4 Animal and Plant Species Including Endangered Species

While no federally listed species were observed during site visits, forested portions of the site potentially contain roosting habitat for northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*) (Appendix E). DU will consult with the USFWS to ensure that this project will not negatively affect any listed species that may be present. DU will not cut any trees as part of this project as it might have an adverse impact on bat species. We anticipate that the restored wetlands and upland forest will improve foraging and roosting opportunities for bat species present at the site.

New York State species of greatest conservation need (SGCN) have been documented in the vicinity of the Site during past surveys including: northern bobwhite, brown thrasher, bobolink, eastern meadowlark, ruffed grouse, American kestrel, wood thrush, blue-winged warbler, Louisiana waterthrush, and scarlet tanager (McGowan and Corwin 2008). A full list of species observed at the property is provided in Table 2.

**Table 2 Wildlife and Plant Species Identified**

Species	Common Name	Conservation Status	Notes
<b>Birds</b>			
<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	red-winged blackbird		
<i>Ardea herodias</i>	great blue heron		
<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	red-tailed hawk		
<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	American crow		
<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>	blue jay		
<i>Poecile atricapillus</i>	black-capped chickadee		
<i>Spinus tristis</i>	American goldfinch		
<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	American robin		
<i>Zenaida macroura</i>	mourning dove		
<b>Amphibians</b>			
<i>Lithobates clamitans</i>	green frog		
<i>Lithobates pipiens</i>	northern leopard frog		
<i>Pseudacris crucifer</i>	spring peeper		
<b>Reptiles</b>			
<i>Thamnophis sirtalis</i>	common garter snake		
<b>Mammals</b>			
<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>	white-tailed deer		
<i>Procyon lotor</i>	raccoon		
<i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>	eastern gray squirrel		
<b>Plants</b>			
<i>Acer negundo</i>	boxelder		
<i>Acer rubrum</i>	red maple		
<i>Acer saccharum</i>	sugar maple		
<i>Agrostis scabra</i>	rough bentgrass		
<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>	garlic mustard		
<i>Alnus incana</i>	speckled alder		
<i>Amaranthus powellii</i>	Powell's amaranth		
<i>Ambrosia psilostachya</i>	perennial ragweed		
<i>Arctium minus</i>	lesser burdock		
<i>Arisaema triphyllum</i>	Jack in the pulpit		
<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>	common milkweed		
<i>Athyrium angustum</i>	northern lady fern		
<i>Barbarea vulgaris</i>	yellow rocket		
<i>Berberis thunbergii</i>	Japanese barberry		

Species	Common Name	Conservation Status	Notes
<i>Betula alleghaniensis</i>	yellow birch		
<i>Bidens cernua</i>	nodding burr-marigold		
<i>Bidens frondosa</i>	devil's beggartick		
<i>Carex comosa</i>	longhair sedge		
<i>Carex gynandra</i>	nodding sedge		
<i>Carex scoparia</i>	broom sedge		
<i>Carex vulpinoidea</i>	fox sedge		
<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	American hornbeam		
<i>Carya cordiformis</i>	bitternut hickory		
<i>Carya ovata</i>	shagbark hickory		
<i>Caulophyllum thalictroides</i>	blue cohosh		
<i>Chelone glabra</i>	white turtlehead		
<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	Canada thistle		
<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	bull thistle		
<i>Cornus amomum</i>	silky dogwood		
<i>Cyperus esculentus</i>	yellow nutsedge		
<i>Daucus carota</i>	wild carrot		
<i>Dioscorea villosa</i>	wild yam		
<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>	common teasel		
<i>Elaeagnus umbellata</i>	autumn olive		
<i>Epilobium ciliatum</i>	fringed willowherb		
<i>Equisetum arvense</i>	field horsetail		
<i>Eragrostis hypnoides</i>	teal lovegrass		
<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>	rough boneset		
<i>Eurybia divaricata</i>	white wood aster		
<i>Euthamia graminifolia</i>	common goldentop		
<i>Eutrochium maculatum</i>	spotted Joe Pye weed		
<i>Fragaria virginiana</i>	Virginia strawberry		
<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	green ash		
<i>Gaultheria procumbens</i>	eastern teaberry		
<i>Glyceria striata</i>	fowl mannagrass		
<i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>	American witchhazel		
<i>Hypericum punctatum</i>	spotted St. Johnswort		
<i>Impatiens capensis</i>	touch-me-not		
<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	yellow iris		
<i>Iris versicolor</i>	blue flag		
<i>Juglans nigra</i>	black walnut		
<i>Juncus articulatus</i>	jointleaf rush		
<i>Juncus effusus</i>	soft rush		
<i>Juncus tenuis</i>	poverty rush		
<i>Larix laricina</i>	tamarack		



Species	Common Name	Conservation Status	Notes
<i>Lamium purpureum</i>	purple dead nettle		
<i>Leersia oryzoides</i>	rice cutgrass		
<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	oxeye daisy		
<i>Linaria vulgaris</i>	butter-and-eggs		
<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	northern spicebush		
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	tuliptree		
<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>	great blue lobelia		
<i>Lolium perenne</i>	perennial ryegrass		
<i>Lonicera tatarica</i>	Tartarian honeysuckle		
<i>Lycopus americanus</i>	American water horehound		
<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	purple loosestrife		
<i>Magnolia acuminata</i>	cucumber-tree		
<i>Oenothera parviflora</i>	northern evening primrose		
<i>Onoclea sensibilis</i>	sensitive fern		
<i>Osmunda cinnamomea</i>	cinnamon fern		
<i>Osmunda regalis</i>	royal fern		
<i>Oxalis montana</i>	mountain woodsorrel		
<i>Panicum capillare</i>	witchgrass		
<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i>	Virginia creeper		
<i>Persicaria sagittata</i>	arrowleaf tearthumb		
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	reed canary grass	invasive	
<i>Phleum pratense</i>	common timothy		
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	common reed	invasive	
<i>Pinus strobus</i>	eastern white pine		
<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>	Scotch pine		
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	English plantain		
<i>Polygonatum biflorum</i>	smooth Solomon's seal		
<i>Polygonum pensylvanicum</i>	Pennsylvania smartweed		
<i>Populus deltoides</i>	eastern cottonwood		
<i>Populus tremuloides</i>	quaking aspen		
<i>Prunus serotina</i>	black cherry		
<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	chokecherry		
<i>Quercus rubra</i>	northern red oak		
<i>Rhus hirta</i>	staghorn sumac		
<i>Rhus vernix</i>	poison sumac		
<i>Rosa multiflora</i>	multiflora rose		
<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	black-eyed Susan		
<i>Rubus flagellaris</i>	northern dewberry		
<i>Rumex crispus</i>	curly dock		
<i>Salix nigra</i>	black willow		
<i>Scirpus atrovirens</i>	green bulrush		

Species	Common Name	Conservation Status	Notes
<i>Scirpus cyperinus</i>	woolgrass		
<i>Solidago canadensis</i>	Canada goldenrod		
<i>Solidago patula</i>	roundleaf goldenrod		
<i>Solidago rugosa</i>	wrinkleleaf goldenrod		
<i>Symphyotrichum ericoides</i>	white heath American-aster		
<i>Symphyotrichum novae-angliae</i>	New England aster		
<i>Symphyotrichum prenanthoides</i>	crookedstem aster		
<i>Symphyotrichum puniceum</i>	purplestem aster		
<i>Symphyotrichum tradescantii</i>	shore aster		
<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>	common dandelion		
<i>Tilia americana</i>	American basswood		
<i>Tsuga canadensis</i>	eastern hemlock		
<i>Typha angustifolia</i>	narrow-leaved cattail	invasive	
<i>Typha latifolia</i>	broad-leaved cattail		
<i>Ulmus americana</i>	American elm		
<i>Verbascum thapsus</i>	great mullein		
<i>Verbena hastata</i>	blue vervain		
<i>Viburnum dentatum</i>	southern arrowwood		
<i>Viburnum lentago</i>	nannyberry		
<i>Vitis riparia</i>	riverbank grape		

## 6. Mitigation Work Plan

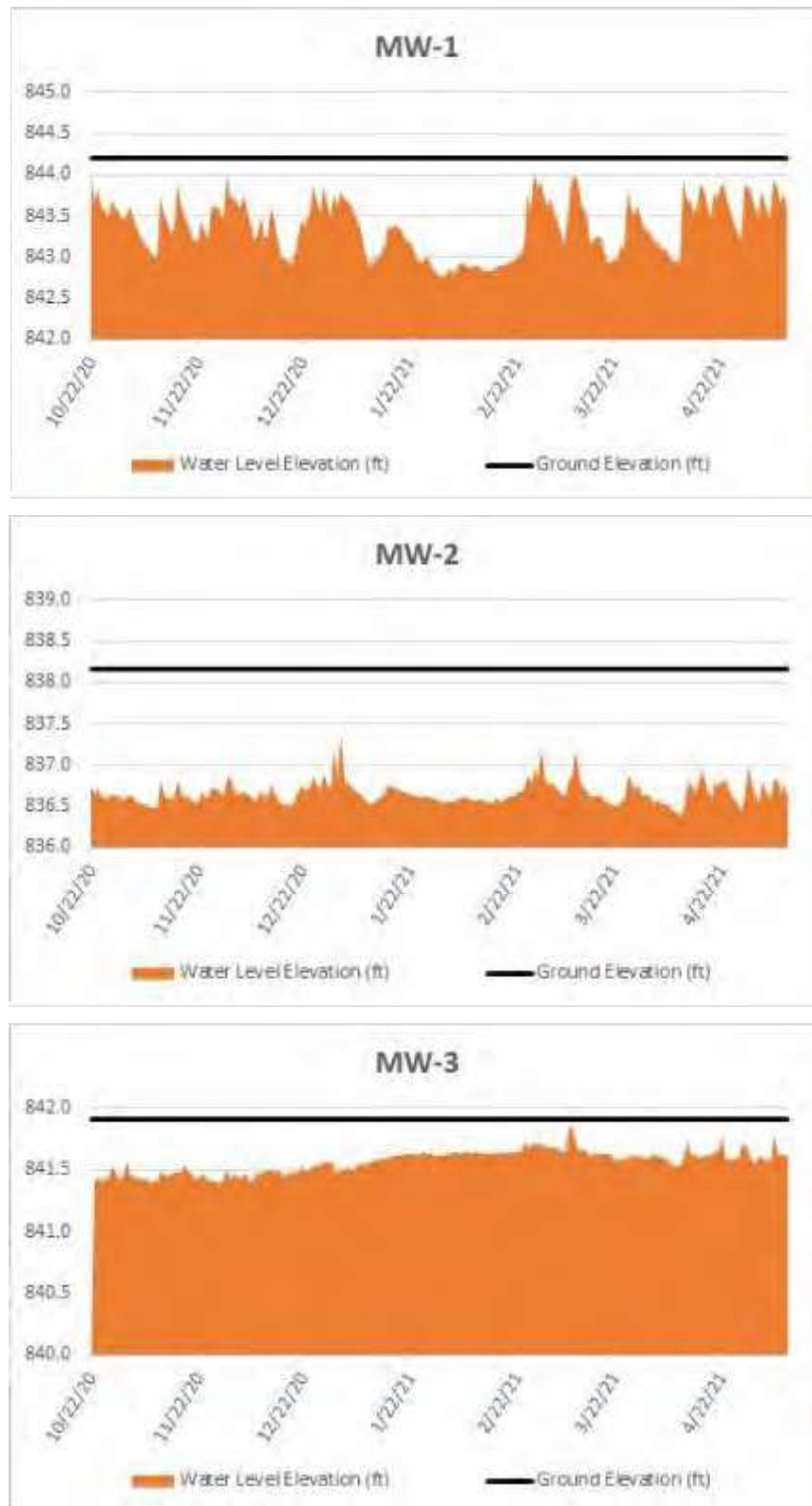
### 6.1 Geographic Boundaries

The geographic boundaries of the Site correspond to the 28.59-acre area to be placed under a conservation easement (red-line) as depicted in Figure 2, and in Appendix D. The Site is bounded on the east by State Route 400. The remainder of the site borders private land. A small area, excluded from the credit production, will serve as off-road parking (Appendix B).

### 6.2 Sources of Water, Connections to Existing Waters and Upland Runoff

The muck field at the Site is a significant depressional feature in the landscape that would have historically collected and held runoff. An unnamed tributary of Buffalo Creek enters the Site through the forest in the southwest corner and flows through the property. Forested areas to the west and south also drain towards the Site. Previous ditching, including dredging of the tributary and installation of a perimeter ditch, diverts the majority of these surface water inputs away from the Site. Currently, groundwater is the primary source of hydrology to the muck field, which has

also been limited by tile drainage and interior ditches. Existing wetland features have been identified through an on-site delineation, this report can be found in Appendix A. Three groundwater monitoring wells were installed at the Site in October of 2020. The well locations are shown in Appendix B and data from the wells are shown in Figure 5. Between October 2020 and May 2021, the groundwater at well MW-1 regularly fluctuated between 0.2 and 1.4 feet of the ground surface in response to runoff events, except during a period between January and February of 2021 when it remained relatively static at a lower elevation. During the same period, the groundwater at MW-2 followed a similar pattern, except slightly deeper and with smaller fluctuations between 0.8 and 1.8 feet of the surface. Dry conditions in 2020, combined with existing drain tile likely prevented groundwater levels from being higher. Well MW-3 is located inside the western edge of existing Wetland B where the groundwater remained higher throughout this monitoring period, between the ground surface and 0.5 feet below the surface. The site characteristics and data collected support the plan to utilize a combination of drain tile disruption, grading, culvert removal, and ditch plugs to restore and maintain wetland hydrology for longer periods during the growing season. It is anticipated that the hydroperiod in the wetland rehabilitation areas will increase above the baseline levels during the growing season.



**Figure 5 Ground Water Data.**

Groundwater data is shown from October 2020 to May 2021. The water-table was often observed within 6"-18" of the surface from fall through spring. Dry conditions in 2020, combined with existing drain tile likely prevented groundwater levels from being higher.

### 6.3 Invasive Species

Upon acquisition, the Site had invasive plant species present that are typical in much of the Buffalo-Eighteenmile Creek Service Area, summarized below. All stands of invasive species on the Site have been recorded with GPS and are shown in Figure 6. Active management will be required to achieve performance standards for invasive plant and native plant diversity goals. Common reed (*Phragmites australis*) exists in all three of the emergent wetlands at the site, with the largest infestation in Wetland B. Broadleaf cattail (*Typha latifolia*) was identified in Wetland B, primarily in the lower areas adjacent to the interior ditches. While not as invasive as narrowleaf cattail (*Typha angustifolia*) or hybrid cattail (*Typha x glauca*), performance standards require that broadleaf cattail cover be minimized in order to maintain a diverse plant community. Two stands of purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*) were also documented along the east side of Wetland B. In conjunction with construction activities, invasive species will be mowed ahead of a broad-cast herbicide application. A broad-spectrum, aquatic-safe herbicide will be applied by a certified pesticide applicator in accordance with all state and federal regulations. More detail on post-construction invasive plant control is provided in Section 6.6.

DU will continue to monitor and adaptively manage all invasive species on the Site through hand pulling, mechanical removal, and through application of herbicide in accordance with all state and federal regulations. DU staff regularly visits mitigation projects once constructed to identify any ongoing management concerns. As the site is developed spot herbicide applications may be necessary. Other appropriate methods for control will be determined at the time the species are encountered. Long-term tasks will include routine inspections in early summer (late June through mid-July) to determine invasive species presence or absence, and abundance. Species found will be rapidly controlled through hand digging or the application of herbicides before seeds reach maturity. The performance standards to be met for invasive species are listed in Section 8.



**Figure 6 Invasive Species Map.**

Invasive plant species will be targeted in construction and through adaptive management activities.



### Invasive Plant Photos



Wetland B contains several stands of *Phragmites australis*, purple loosestrife, and broad-leaf cattail, this area will be mowed and sprayed during construction activities and seeded to a native plant mix. Photos taken June 9, 2020.

## **6.4 Construction Methods, Timing and Sequencing**

Construction of the project will occur as soon as practicable after approval of this mitigation plan. Final earthwork adjustments and site planting will occur no later than June 30 of the year following construction, or by an approved extension date. The hydrological restoration plan provided in Appendix B includes drain tile disruption, culvert removal, grading, and ditch plugs. The existing muck field is largely a depressional feature in the landscape. The removal of drain tile around the perimeter of the field and one culvert at the north end of the field will prevent surface and ground water from leaving the Site. Scrapes and ditch plugs placed around the perimeter of the field will allow for high flows in the perimeter ditch to spill over into the Site. Placement of the scrapes will also maximize wetland reestablishment from the borrow area.

Prior to any grading or placement of fill, the topsoil (upper vegetated layer of muck) will be stripped and stockpiled from the work area. Drain tile disruption, culvert removal, scrapes, and ditch plugs will be completed on the site using a bulldozer and tracked excavator. Once the cut and fill work is completed, the stockpiled topsoil will be spread across all disturbed areas prior to being seeded. It is anticipated that this work will increase hydrology across the majority of the site.

Soils investigations during the wetland delineation documented that much of the Site has hydric (histosol) soils. Additionally, four of the five upland data points had soil saturation within 14" to 17" of the surface. It is anticipated that much of the Site will revert to wetlands with cessation of regular agricultural activities (e.g., ditch maintenance, mowing, disking, vegetation disturbance, crop introduction, periodic herbicide broad-cast applications) and the earthwork outlined in the construction plans (Appendix B). Planned wetland areas shown in Appendix B that are undisturbed by construction activities will be roughly disked to reintroduce microtopography, and to prepare areas of likely reversion for seeding of wetland plant species. Soils will be left loose to facilitate wetland plant establishment.

Seeding will begin as soon as the earthwork is completed. All reestablished and rehabilitated wetland areas will receive the wetland seed mix. Any disturbed upland areas will be stabilized



with the standard upland seed mix. The PFO and upland buffer areas specified in the planting plan (Appendix B) will be planted to the species mixes specified in Table 3. Herbaceous wetland species will be seeded immediately following construction, however woody plantings may be delayed as necessary in order to establish plants during an optimum time of year, which is typically in the fall or early spring. Woody planting will occur no later than June 30 of the year following construction.

## **6.5 Grading Plan, Including Elevations and Slopes of Substrate**

The grading operations with finished elevations are shown in the plan and sections pages of Appendix B. These include tile drain exploration and removal, culvert removal, scrapes, and ditch plug construction in order to collect and retain groundwater and surface runoff. Slopes shall not exceed 6:1 on any of the cuts or fills. Final grading shall leave the topsoil in a loose condition conducive to broadcast seeding. The erosion and sediment control plan in Appendix B outlines the stormwater best management practices that will be used.

## **6.6 Methods for Establishing Desired Plant Community**

Establishing the desired plant community will be achieved by active means. During the wetland delineation, hydrophytic vegetation was observed in the muck field, thus providing evidence of a hydrophytic seed bank that may reestablish following hydrological restoration. All reestablished and rehabilitated wetland areas will be broadcast with a wetland seed mix containing species with variable shade tolerance (Table 3). Species selection was formulated following a review of “Ecological Communities of New York State” (Edinger et al., 2014). The planting plan in Appendix B reflects a goal to reestablish two wetland cover types (i.e., PEM, PFO). Planned upland areas will be seeded to a grass and legume mix in order to prevent erosion, then planted with upland tree species.

Following initial construction, planting, and seeding activities, additional follow up spraying efforts will target areas dominated by invasive species. All herbicide applications will be conducted by a licensed pesticide applicator in accordance with state and federal guidelines. As the site develops, regular site visits during the growing season will be necessary to assure the re-establishment, rehabilitation, and enhancement zones remain free of all undesirable, invasive

plant species. DU will continue to monitor and adaptively manage all invasive species on the property through hand pulling, mechanical removal, and through herbicide application in order to facilitate the shift back to a native plant community. Annual spot herbicide applications may be necessary, based on past experience, it is expected that it will take 4-7 growing seasons to fully control Phragmites. Monitoring tasks include routine inspections in early summer (late June through mid-July) to determine invasive species presence, and abundance. Any invasive species found will be rapidly controlled before seeds reach maturity.

**Table 3 Planting List**

Target Area	Common Name	Scientific Name	Wetland Indicator Status	Propagule Type	Quantity/Acre
<b>All Wetland Areas</b>	fox sedge	<i>Carex vulpinoidea</i>	OBL	seed mix	20 lbs seed mixture/acre in PEM areas  15 lbs seed mixture/acre in PFO areas
	virginia wild rye	<i>Elymus virginicus</i>	FACW		
	shallow sedge	<i>Carex lurida</i>	OBL		
	mannagrass	<i>Glyceria canadensis</i>	OBL		
	bluejoint grass	<i>Calamagrostis canadensis</i>	OBL		
	broom sedge	<i>Carex scoparia</i>	FACW		
	hop sedge	<i>Carex lupulina</i>	OBL		
	soft rush	<i>Juncus effusus</i>	OBL		
	spotted Joe pye weed	<i>Eutrochium maculatum</i>	OBL		
	blue vervain	<i>Verbena hastata</i>	FACW		
	American bur-reed	<i>Sparganium americanum</i>	OBL		
	nodding beggartick	<i>Bidens cernua</i>	OBL		
	woolgrass	<i>Scirpus cyperinus</i>	OBL		
	swamp milkweed	<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	OBL		
	boneset	<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>	FACW		
	green bulrush	<i>Scirpus atrovirens</i>	OBL		
	New England aster	<i>Symphotrichum novae-angliae</i>	FACW		
	New York ironweed	<i>Vernonia noveboracensis</i>	FACW		
	soft stem bulrush	<i>Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani</i>	OBL		
<b>PFO</b>	red maple	<i>Acer rubrum</i>	FAC	bare root/potted	sum to $\geq 500$ stems / acre
	silver maple	<i>Acer saccharinum</i>	FACW		
	swamp white oak	<i>Quercus bicolor</i>	FACW		
	yellow birch	<i>Betula alleghaniensis</i>	FAC		
	American elm	<i>Ulmus americana</i>	FACW		
	American hornbeam	<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	FAC		
	common winterberry	<i>Ilex verticillata</i>	FACW		
	sweetgale	<i>Myrica gale</i>	OBL		
	silky dogwood	<i>Cornus amomum</i>	FACW		
	northern spicebush	<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	FACW		
	southern arrowwood	<i>Viburnum dentatum</i>	FAC		
<b>Upland Buffer</b>	red maple	<i>Acer rubrum</i>	FAC	bare root/potted	sum to $\geq 500$ stems/ acre
	American sycamore	<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>	FACW		
	striped maple	<i>Acer pensylvanicum</i>	FACU		
	eastern white pine	<i>Pinus strobus</i>	FACU		
	bitternut hickory	<i>Carya cordiformis</i>	FAC		
	yellow poplar	<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	FACU		
<b>Standard Upland Seed Mix</b>	American basswood	<i>Tilia americana</i>	FACU	seed mix	45 lbs seed mixture/acre
	creeping red fescue	<i>Festuca rubra</i>	FACU		
	perennial ryegrass	<i>Lolium perenne</i>	FACU		
	annual ryegrass	<i>Lolium multiflorum</i>	FACU		
	redtop	<i>Agrostis gigantea</i>	FACW		
	birdsfoot trefoil	<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	FACU		

\*Exact species composition subject to commercial availability.

## **6.7 Soil Management and Erosion Control Measures**

All slopes, soils, substrates, and constructed features within and adjacent to the work site will follow stabilization protocols described in the Blood Road Muck Erosion and Sediment Control Plan, that will be prepared and provided to the contractor prior to initiation of those activities. DU will obtain all necessary permits (e.g., SWPPP) prior to construction.

## **7. Maintenance Plan**

DU will take appropriate measures after initial construction to ensure continued site maturation. DU will be responsible for monitoring and coordinating the execution of maintenance activities. Monitoring will occur regularly throughout the growing season from approximately May through September of each year. Regular inspections include but are not limited to inspection of site hydrology, plant community development including diversity, percent cover and presence of invasive species, functioning of ditch plugs. Maintenance activities may be triggered by:

- During yearly monitoring (Section 9), management concerns (e.g., deer herbivory, unauthorized all-terrain vehicle (ATV) use, dumping) and appropriate adaptive management strategies will be reviewed and implemented as necessary. These include but are not limited to: erection of fencing, placement of barriers to prohibit unauthorized ATV use, contacting local authorities. Plant community management may take on the form of mechanical removal, mowing, and herbicide application to control invasive plant species.
- Unforeseen environmental conditions may affect the success of the project, but their effects can generally be managed through early detection. Flooding, drought, invasive species, site degradation, erosion, and vandalism are examples of some adverse conditions that can be managed.
- Routine maintenance checks, for example, on plant health and vigor, unwanted plant species, trash, herbivores, and areas with chronic erosion.
- Deer herbivory will be monitored. Supplemental plantings, fencing, etc. may be required as adaptive management techniques.
- Supplemental plantings may be added, especially to overcome adverse weather conditions early within site establishment phases.
- Corrective measures may include adding or removing plants as conditions warrant,

modifying local topography to ensure wetland hydrology, and additional mulching and seeding as needed.

- Routine checks of ditch plugs to look for erosion and to make sure that the outlets are clear of debris. Any eroded areas will be repaired and reseeded.
- Routine checks of signs and associated maintenance will be performed.
- Estimated costs for annual monitoring and reporting are provided in Appendix F.

## **8. Performance Standards**

Success within the planned wetland re-establishment and rehabilitation portions of the Site is based on meeting the performance standards criteria described below and the USACE criteria for the three parameters described in the 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual.

These parameters require sufficient:

1. *wetland hydrology* to support adequate
2. *hydrophytic vegetation*, ultimately forming
3. *hydric soils*, all of which describe a functioning wetland.

The performance standards criteria described below will be monitored over a ten-year term that begins following the submittal of a post-construction as-built; the monitoring term includes three interim goals, and the final success criteria. When met, each interim goal would release 15% of the total remaining credits (i.e., credits remaining following mitigation plan and as-built approval). The final 25% of remaining credits would be released after the final vegetative goals have been met, a USACE approved long-term management plan and conservation easement have been executed and funded, and all other obligations and performance standards set forth in the instrument amendment and permit have been met. If areas of the Site are not meeting full performance criteria at the end of the 10-year monitoring period, the project sponsor may request that the areas be evaluated for partial credit release at a lower credit ratio, a modification to the instrument amendment may be requested, and/or additional corrective action/monitoring may be required. It is important to note that the first two options will only be considered in the event that all efforts to meet standards and obligations have been exhausted (including corrective action).

### 8.1 First Interim Goal Releases 15% of Credits When:

- The areas meeting wetland criteria will have 50% relative coverage by native perennial hydrophytes.
- The areas meeting wetland criteria are demonstrating progress in vegetative development towards meeting the final VIBI-FQ performance standard and have a minimum VIBI-FQ of 20.
- The upland buffer rehabilitation and those areas meeting PFO criteria will have at least 150 shrubs/trees per acre, and those stems will display normal and healthy growth, free of disease and pests. Upland buffer and PFO zones will have at least half of the stems growing as tree species.
- Wetland acreage will have less than 10% relative cover of all non-Typha invasive plant species such as, but not limited to: purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*), common reed (*Phragmites australis*), Japanese Knotweed (*Polygonum cuspidatum*), reed canary grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*).
- Due to the difficulty of distinguishing the three species of cattails (*Typha latifolia*, *Typha angustifolia*, and *Typha x glauca*), as well as the likelihood that at least one of these will be present in many types of New York wetlands, the total relative cover of all invasive species, including *Typha* spp., will be less than 15%.
- Upland buffer rehabilitation areas will have no more than 25% relative cover composed of invasive species such as: buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*), honeysuckle (*Lonicera* spp.), reed canary grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*).
- Upland buffer rehabilitation areas will have at least 60% relative cover of native perennials.
- Upland buffer rehabilitation areas are demonstrating progress in vegetative development towards meeting the final VIBI-FQ performance standard and have a minimum VIBI-FQ of 20.

### 8.2 Second Interim Goal Releases 15% of Credits When:

- The areas meeting wetland criteria will have 60% relative coverage by native perennial hydrophytes.
- The areas meeting wetland criteria are demonstrating progress in vegetative development towards meeting the final VIBI-FQ performance standard and have a minimum VIBI-FQ of 32.
- The upland buffer rehabilitation and those areas meeting PFO criteria will have at least 250 shrubs/trees per acre, and those stems will display normal and healthy growth, free of disease and pests. Upland buffer and PFO zones will have at least half of the stems growing as tree species.
- Wetland acreage will have less than 8.5% relative cover of all non-Typha invasive plant species such as, but not limited to: purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*), common reed (*Phragmites australis*), Japanese Knotweed (*Polygonum cuspidatum*), reed canary grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*).
- Due to the difficulty of distinguishing the three species of cattails (*Typha latifolia*, *Typha angustifolia*, and *Typha x glauca*), as well as the likelihood that at least one of these will be present in many types of New York wetlands, the total relative cover of all invasive species, including *Typha* spp., will be less than 13.75%.



- Upland buffer rehabilitation areas will have no more than 20% relative cover composed of invasive species such as: buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*), honeysuckle (*Lonicera* spp.), reed canary grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*).
- Upland buffer rehabilitation areas will have at least 70% relative cover of native perennials.
- Upland buffer rehabilitation areas are demonstrating progress in vegetative development towards meeting the final VIBI-FQ performance standard and have a minimum VIBI-FQ of 32.

### **8.3 Third Interim Goal Releases 15% of Credits When:**

- The areas meeting wetland criteria will have 75% relative coverage by native perennial hydrophytes.
- The areas meeting wetland criteria are demonstrating progress in vegetative development towards meeting the final VIBI-FQ performance standard and have a minimum VIBI-FQ of 36.
- The upland buffer rehabilitation and those areas meeting PFO criteria will have at least 350 shrubs/trees per acre, and those stems will display normal and healthy growth, free of disease and pests. Upland buffer and PFO zones will have at least half of the stems growing as tree species.
- Wetland acreage will have less than 6.5 % relative cover of all non-*Typha* invasive plant species such as, but not limited to: purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*), common reed (*Phragmites australis*), Japanese Knotweed (*Polygonum cuspidatum*), reed canary grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*).
- Due to the difficulty of distinguishing the three species of cattails (*Typha latifolia*, *Typha angustifolia*, and *Typha x glauca*), as well as the likelihood that at least one of these will be present in many types of New York wetlands, the total relative cover of all invasive species, including *Typha* spp., will be less than 12.5%.
- Upland buffer rehabilitation areas will have no more than 15% relative cover composed of invasive species such as: buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*), honeysuckle (*Lonicera* spp.), reed canary grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*).
- Upland buffer rehabilitation areas will have at least 75% relative cover of native perennials.
- Upland buffer rehabilitation areas are demonstrating progress in vegetative development towards meeting the final VIBI-FQ performance standard and have a minimum VIBI-FQ of 36.

### **8.4 Final Goal Releases 25% at The End of the 10-Year Monitoring Period**

- The wetlands shall have 90% relative coverage by native perennial hydrophytes.
- The areas meeting wetland criteria have met the final VIBI-FQ performance standard of 40.
- The upland buffer rehabilitation and those areas meeting PFO criteria will have at least 425 shrubs/trees per acre  $\geq 3"$  diameter at breast height, and those stems will display normal and healthy growth, free of disease and pests. Upland buffer and PFO zones will have at least half of the stems growing as tree species.

- Wetland acreage will have less than 5 % relative cover of all non-*Typha* invasive plant species such as, but not limited to: purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*), common reed (*Phragmites australis*), Japanese Knotweed (*Polygonum cuspidatum*), reed canary grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*).
- Due to the difficulty of distinguishing the three species of cattails (*Typha latifolia*, *Typha angustifolia*, and *Typha x glauca*), as well as the likelihood that at least one of these will be present in many types of New York wetlands, the total relative cover of all invasive species, including *Typha* spp., will be less than 10%.
- Upland buffer rehabilitation areas will have no more than 10% relative cover composed of invasive species such as: buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*), honeysuckle (*Lonicera* spp.), reed canary grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*).
- Upland buffer rehabilitation areas will have at least 80% relative cover of native perennials.
- Upland buffer rehabilitation areas have met the final VIBI-FQ performance standard of 40.
- Wetland rehabilitation areas will demonstrate an increase above pre-construction levels in the frequency of saturation or inundation within 12-inches of the surface during the growing-season.
- A Corps approved long-term management plan and conservation easement have been executed and funded.
- All other obligations and performance standards set forth in the instrument amendment and permit have been met.

To reduce or waive remaining monitoring requirements before the ten-year monitoring period ends, at least two consecutive monitoring reports must satisfactorily meet final success criteria.

## 8.5 Wetland Hydrology and Hydric Soils

To demonstrate that the requisite wetland hydrology has been established/restored, reestablished wetlands must be inundated (flooded or ponded) or the water table is  $\leq 12$  inches below the soil surface for  $\geq 14$  consecutive days during the growing season at a minimum frequency of 5 years in 10 ( $\geq 50\%$  probability). Any combination of inundation or shallow water table is acceptable in meeting the 14-day minimum requirement. Short-term monitoring data may be used to address the frequency requirement if the normality of rainfall occurring prior to and during the monitoring period each year is considered. The methodology prescribed in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers “Technical Standard for Water-Table Monitoring of Potential Wetland Sites” (ERDC TN-WRAP-05-2, June 2005) shall be utilized.

Hydrology will be determined through an analysis of water-well data, visual inspections, and review of permanently located water-level gauges. The growing season can be approximated as the period of time between the average date of the last killing frost in the spring to the average date of the first killing frost in the fall, this is usually the beginning of May through September. Growing season beginning and ending dates shall be based on the median dates (i.e., 5 years in 10, or 50 percent probability) of 28 °F air temperatures in spring and fall, according to data from the Buffalo, NY weather station.

The wetland re-establishment and rehabilitation areas are being monitored with three continuously logging water level monitoring wells which commenced in October 2020 (Figure 5). The temporal record of pre-construction conditions is expected to provide 3 full years of baseline data from which to compare pre-vs. post construction hydrology. This record will be augmented with manual water-level measurements in the rehabilitation area to be performed at an additional staff gauge/well location to be installed post-construction. Monitoring locations are shown in Appendix B. Moreover, photo-points included in these areas will provide the ability to qualitatively assess the retention of hydrology compared to baseline conditions to augment quantitative methods.

The proposed wetland rehabilitation areas are largely depressional features in the landscape which historically collected and retained surface and groundwater. Previous ditching has diverted the majority of surface water inputs away from the Site, while repeated tillage of the site has eliminated microtopographic variation and increased surface drainage towards the ditches. Groundwater has also been limited by tile drainage and interior ditches. In these rehabilitation areas we propose to achieve and document an increase in hydrology over baseline conditions during the growing season. The planned scrapes and ditch plugs placed around the perimeter of the field will allow for high flows in the perimeter ditch to spill over into the Site, while the removal of drain tile and one culvert will prevent surface and ground water from leaving the Site. Grading and reintroduction of microtopography through heavy disking should also increase hydrology within the upper 12” of the soil. Increased hydrology should be visibly demonstrable from photo and well data analysis.

## 9. Monitoring Requirements

### 9.1 Monitoring Report Requirements

Annual site monitoring will begin after construction is completed and will continue for ten (10) years. Monitoring reports will be submitted as outlined in Table 4. Monitoring locations are shown in Appendix B. Monitoring will consist of the following:

- Post construction, monitoring report complete with photographs, baseline ecological descriptions, as-built surveys that describe the actual constructed features with 0.5' contours, wetland delineation maps with habitat type breakdowns, delineation data forms, estimates of relative cover of invasive plant species, and a description of any deviation from the Instrument Amendment.
- Aquatic resource delineation broken out by aquatic resource type (e.g. PEM, PSS, PFO, deepwater habitat, vegetated shallows, riverine resources).
- Descriptions of the monitoring inspection protocols used.
- Water depths will be reported from throughout the site from permanent locations, as well as hydrology information derived from Wetland Determination Data Forms completed throughout the site. Locations of each water depth monitoring location and data point will be indicated on the survey map(s). Three permanent monitoring wells are currently installed in the site.
- Concisely described remedial actions completed during the monitoring year to meet the three success standards – actions such as, replanting, controlling invasive plant species (with biological, herbicidal, or mechanical methods), re-grading the site, adjusting site hydrology, etc.
- Description of other remedial actions taken.
- Report on the status of all erosion control measures on the mitigation site. Identify whether they are functioning. Descriptions of the necessity of any planned additional temporary measures.
- Review of all information collected to meet all performance goals (8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5).
- Photographs taken from permanent photo points shown on a site plan.
- List of wildlife observed and other interesting biological occurrences.

- A qualitative description of the general arboreal plant health, vigor and mortality rates, including a prognosis for their future survival will be included along with photos illustrating tree growth.
- All areas >0.1 acre that are dominated by invasives will be mapped and reported.
- VIBI-FQ scores will be recorded for reestablishment and rehabilitation areas generating credits in years of credit release requests (Years 1, 3, 5, 7, and 10, or by approved variation). VIBI-FQ data sheets will be provided with monitoring report.
- Preservation areas will be visually monitored for changes in conditions, particularly the establishment or increase in invasive species presence. Any notable changes will be identified in the report.

## **9.2 Reporting Schedule**

Monitoring reports, including an As-Built Report will be submitted no later than February 28 and will describe conditions in the prior growing season. The As-Built will be submitted following the completion of construction and planting. The As-Built survey will include a detailed contour map and any deviations from the construction plans. Each report cover sheet shall indicate the year, report number, and Department of Army permit numbers. All reports described in this section will be submitted to the New York IRT and to the District Engineer at the Department of the Army, at the Buffalo District Corps of Engineers 1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, NY 14207-3199. All monitoring, reporting, requests and adaptive management implementation will be the responsibility of DU. Measures requiring additional soil manipulation or changes in hydrology will be undertaken only after written approval from the Buffalo District Engineer has been obtained.

**Table 4 Reporting Schedule**

Activity	Description	Year
As-built Report	To be submitted in February, the year following completion of construction and planting	0
1st Monitoring Report	First monitoring report / no credit release requested	1
2nd Monitoring Report	1st Interim Credit Release Request	3
3rd Monitoring Report	2nd Interim Credit Release Request	5
4th Monitoring Report	3rd Interim Credit Release Request	7
Final Monitoring Report	Final Credit Release Request	10

\*Credit release are anticipated to coincide with a given year, but they may deviate based on performance. Reports will be submitted by no later than February of the calendar year following monitoring activities. Monitoring and adaptive management and or corrective actions may extend beyond 10 years if performance criteria have not been met by year 10.

## 10. Long-term Management Plan, Including Financial Arrangements

In order to provide for a more sustainable approach to long-term management, DUL will transfer ownership of the site to the Long-Term Steward following construction, with WAT being granted a Conservation Easement at the time of transfer. It is anticipated that the Western New York Land Conservancy (WNYLC) will be the Long-term Steward; in the event that WNYLC does not take on the role of Long-Term Steward, DU would be the default long-term manager until another Steward acceptable to USACE and the IRT is identified. Prior to execution of the Long-Term Management Plan (LTMP), it will be provided to the USACE and IRT for review. DU will provide written notice to the USACE at least 60-days prior to transfer of ownership of the Site to the Long-term Steward. A USACE-approved Conservation Easement and LTMP, and Site Access and Management Easement (SAME), to be held by DU, will be recorded to the deed at the time of transfer. The SAME will outline responsibilities of the Long-Term Steward and DU during the active mitigation monitoring period, with DU remaining responsible for adaptive management and monitoring of the Site prior to entrance into the Long-term Management Phase. During the monitoring period, as outlined in the SAME, the Long-term Steward will assist with DU's efforts to maintain the conservation values of the site and meet the objectives of this Instrument Amendment. When the Site enters the long-term management phase, the conditions of the SAME will be satisfied, and a notice of termination of the SAME will be recorded to the Deed.



The responsibilities of the Long-Term Steward are outlined in Table 5 and will be further described in the LTMP. Those responsibilities will begin when the final performance standards outlined in Section 8 are signed off on by USACE. It is anticipated entrance into The Long-Term Management phase will occur 10 years following construction. At that time, The Long-term Steward shall implement the LTMP, managing and monitoring the Site to preserve its habitat and conservation values. At the start of the Long-Term Management phase DU will assist The Long-term Steward with updating the baseline site conditions described in the LTMP to reflect current conditions. During the long-term protection phase, the Site will be monitored at least annually by The Long-Term Land Steward, and identification of threats to the Sites' conservation values will trigger adaptive management actions to maintain the integrity of the site. The responsibilities of the Long-Term Steward include prevention of erosion, unauthorized use, dumping, as well as adaptive management of invasive plant species, and maintenance of signage designating the area as a protected area.

Funds for Long-Term Management will be provided by DU and will be maintained as a non-wasting endowment to cover costs of annual monitoring, management of invasive species as needed, regular maintenance of signs, prevention of dumping, unauthorized use, and any other requirements of the LTMP. Anticipated long-term management activities and their costs are identified in Table 5. At a conservative 4% annual growth rate, we estimate \$4,100 will be available annually for maintenance and adaptive management based on a \$102,500.00 endowment. Changes to the Long-Term Manager or the LTMP will require approval by USACE, DU, and WAT. Prior to closure of the Site, and entrance into long-term management, DU will continue to be responsible for adaptive management and site maintenance.

**Table 5. Anticipated Long-term Management Needs**

Anticipated Management Activity*	Monitoring Method	Monitoring Frequency	Monitoring Cost	Annual Monitoring Total	Stewardship Trigger	Action	Action Frequency	Action Cost	Annual Action Total
Invasive Species	Visual inspection	1/year	\$75	\$75	Greater than 10% coverage of invasive presence; presence of new species	Herbicide spraying, hand pulling, mowing, other	Every other year	\$3,500	\$1,825
Trash Removal/Prevention of Unauthorized Access	Visual inspection	1/year	\$75	\$75	Trash present, damage to site from ATV traffic	Prevent access for dumping	1/year	\$500	\$575
Maintaining Signage	Visual inspection	1/year	\$100	\$100	Signs damaged, missing	Replace/repair signs	1/year	\$100	\$200
Contingency (including inflation)		1/year	NA	NA	Actions requiring adaptive management outstrip dedicated available funds for the year				\$1,500

Total anticipated annual management cost (based on total above)

\$4,100  
4%

Expected interest growth

Total non-wasting stewardship endowment costs (to be self-sustaining)

**\$102,500.00**

## **11. Adaptive Management Plan, Including Addressing Invasive Species Control**

A shared driveway off of West Blood Road provides access for wetland observation or maintenance. Unforeseen environmental conditions can also affect a wetland's viability. Flooding, prolonged drought, invasive species, site degradation (i.e., trash dumping, illegal logging, ATV travel), erosion and vandalism are examples of some adverse conditions that with early detection and proper management can be overcome. Every wetland site has its own unique characteristics that should be addressed with an adaptive management plan for long-term viability. Proper monitoring of the site will ensure adaptive management activities are implemented as new information is gathered. Completion of the regular maintenance activities outlined in Section 7 such as invasive species control and trash removal during routine monitoring trips will reduce the need for larger intervention. DU will regularly review the status of this site to confirm that all necessary activities have been implemented and that adequate hydrology and hydrophytic plant cover has become established to meet performance criteria. After construction, DU will conduct regular monitoring visits during each growing season to evaluate the progress of the site relative to the performance standards outlined in Section 8. Occasional visits may also occur outside of the growing season.

Monitoring visits may include delineating the wetland acreage on-site, observing water levels, evaluating the plant community through vegetation monitoring (i.e., VIBI-FQ, woody stem counts, invasive species cover), inspecting ditch plugs, evaluating herbivory, and looking for any damage to the site. Data collected during these visits will be summarized in the monitoring reports outlined in Section 9.1 and compared against the interim goals specified in Sections 8.1-8.5. If any repairs are needed or if the site fails to be meeting any of the interim goals, DU will utilize adaptive management to address the issue(s).

Reestablishment and rehabilitation efforts will focus on recreating and improving wetland function. Techniques will include but are not limited to, invasive plant species control, and planting native vegetation to improve the VIBI-FQ score. Invasive species control methods include, but are not limited to, spraying, hand pulling, and mechanical removal. When monitoring indicates that a performance standard is not being met, the causes for failure will be evaluated to determine if simply more time is needed or whether a remedial action may be required. Remedial action to help the site meet the performance standard shall be taken as soon

as practicable once an issue has been identified. Remedial actions may include, but are not limited to: seeding or planting, non-native plant control, and erosion control measures. DU staff will be regularly monitoring the site throughout the growing season and at least once per dormant season in order to minimize the possibility for ditch plug failure. Remedial actions requiring earth movement or changes in hydrology will not be implemented without written approval from the USACE.

If USACE in consultation with the IRT, determines that the site (or any portion thereof) is failing to make satisfactory progress towards meeting any performance goal within the monitoring period, DU must develop a remedial action plan to correct the deficiencies, or alternately a reduction of credits may be levied against underperforming areas. In the prior case, the remedial action plan shall be submitted to the IRT within three months of receipt of written notification of deficiencies from USACE. Remedial action plans may include suggested modifications to improve hydrology (e.g., regrading, addition of water control structures, ditch plugs, groundwater dams), and or additional plantings. The IRT shall in a timely manner provide written acceptance of the submitted plan or a modified plan acceptable to the IRT. The IRT-accepted remedial action plan (as submitted by DU or as modified by the IRT) will then be returned to DU and DU shall implement the measures specified in the remedial action plan within six months or along a timeline as otherwise provided in the remedial action plan. The default and closure provisions are further described in Appendix G. Once the monitoring period is over, the completed wetland will be managed by the long-term steward and managed only as needed and specified in the long-term stewardship plan.

## **12. Financial Assurances**

Financial assurances for the construction and performance of the Site will be provided by DU in the form of a performance bond. Financial assurances will be established following mitigation plan approval and prior to release of credits from the Site. The financial assurances will extend sufficient financial resources to completely cover the full cost of construction and replanting of the project if necessary, to achieve success. In the project budget (Appendix F) we estimate construction, planting and associated staffing costs at \$255,986. Financial assurances shall no longer be required once the compensatory mitigation project has been determined by the district engineer to be successful in accordance with its performance standards. The financial assurances

will not be called upon unless DU has exhausted the existing project budget, including all money set aside for contingency and wetland maintenance, excluding the funds to be utilized for the long-term stewardship endowment and conservation easement.



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## **Appendix A. Wetland Delineation Report**

### **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

Ducks Unlimited, Inc. (DU) investigated site conditions at the Blood Road Muck site in the spring of 2020. The Mitigation Site is located at Latitude: 42°47'23.58" N and Longitude: 78°36'00" W off West Blood Road in the Town of Elma, Erie County, New York. The site is bisected by an unnamed tributary to Buffalo Creek, which is within the Buffalo-Eighteen Mile Creek 8-digit HUC (HUC 04120103) lying within DU's Buffalo-Eighteen Mile Creek Service Area.

### **2.0 METHODS**

Onsite data collection and wetland boundary delineation of the 28.59-acre property was performed by DU between June 8 and June 9, 2020. The boundaries were delineated following the protocols outlined in the United States Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) 1987 "Wetland Delineation Manual" and data were collected on the "Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineations Manual: Northcentral and Northeast Region (Version 2.0)" (Regional Supplement). A routine on-site determination was performed as specified in Section D of Chapter IV of the 1987 Delineation Manual. Prior to the delineation survey, the property was walked to identify general topography, drainage patterns, major plant communities, and potential areas of disturbance. Climatic/hydrologic conditions were typical for this time of year.

### **3.0 RESULTS**

Normal circumstances were present at the time of data collection. The most prevalent type of wetland delineated at the Mitigation Site was palustrine emergent (PEM, 12.51 acres) wetlands.

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## Wetland Delineation Maps and Datasheets:



- Blood Rd Muck ILF Site (28.59 acres)
- SAMOFI (0.48 acres)
- Degraded PEM (11.95 acres +/-)
- PEM (0.56 acres +/-)
- Upland Data Point
- Wetland Data Point
- NYSDEC Stream (1,920 feet +/-)
- Main Perimeter Ditch (2,648 feet +/-)
- Perimeter Ditch (908 feet +/-)
- Interior Ditch (1,821 feet +/-)

0 150 300 600 Feet



**Table 1. Delineated Wetlands at the Mitigation Site**

Wetland Name	Wetland Type	Wetland Acres	Datapoints	Latitude (N)	Longitude (W)
Wetland A	PEM	0.05	DPW3	42°47'28.169"	-78°36'2.215"
Wetland B	degraded PEM	11.95	DPW1	42°47'18.715"	-78°36'1.759"
			DPW2	42°47'23.711"	-78°35'55.086"
			DPW4	42°47'25.785"	-78°35'58.932"
Wetland C	PEM	0.51	DPW5	42°47'27.062"	-78°36'4.130"

**Table 2: Streams and Ditches at the Mitigation Site**

Label	Name	Linear Feet
S-1	NYSDEC Stream (Tributary to Buffalo Creek)	1,989
D-1	Main Perimeter Ditch	2,645
D-2	Perimeter Ditch	927
D-3	Interior Ditches	1,789



## Wetland Datpoints



DPW1. This portion of emergent wetland B was dominated by soft rush (*Juncus effusus*), bristly sedge (*Carex comosa*), and sensitive fern (*Onoclea sensibilis*). Primary hydrology indicators included high-water table and saturation. A histosol was the hydric soil indicator.



DPW2. This portion of emergent wetland B was dominated by bristly sedge (*Carex comosa*) and purplestem aster (*Symphyotrichum puniceum*). Primary hydrology indicators included high-water table and saturation. A histosol was the hydric soil indicator.

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# WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Northcentral and Northeast Region

Project/Site: Blood Road Muck ILF Site City/County: Erie County Sampling Date: 6/8/20  
 Applicant/Owner: Ducks Unlimited State: NY Sampling Point: DPW1  
 Investigator(s): J. Fraser Section, Township, Range: Town of Elma  
 Landform (hillside, terrace, etc.): depression Local relief (concave, convex, none): concave Slope %: 0.5  
 Subregion (LRR or MLRA): LRR L Lat: 42°47'18.715"N Long: 78°36'1.759"W Datum: WGS84  
 Soil Map Unit Name: Palms muck (Pa) NWI classification: PEM 1E  
 Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes X No      (If no, explain in Remarks.)  
 Are Vegetation     , Soil     , or Hydrology      significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes X No       
 Are Vegetation     , Soil     , or Hydrology      naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u>    </u> Hydric Soil Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u>    </u> Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u>    </u>	<b>Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?</b> Yes <u>X</u> No <u>    </u> If yes, optional Wetland Site ID: <u>Wetland B</u>
Remarks: (Explain alternative procedures here or in a separate report.)	

## HYDROLOGY

<b>Wetland Hydrology Indicators:</b> <u>Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; check all that apply)</u> <u>    </u> Surface Water (A1) <u>    </u> Water-Stained Leaves (B9) <u>X</u> High Water Table (A2) <u>    </u> Aquatic Fauna (B13) <u>X</u> Saturation (A3) <u>    </u> Marl Deposits (B15) <u>    </u> Water Marks (B1) <u>    </u> Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1) <u>    </u> Sediment Deposits (B2) <u>    </u> Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) <u>    </u> Drift Deposits (B3) <u>    </u> Presence of Reduced Iron (C4) <u>    </u> Algal Mat or Crust (B4) <u>    </u> Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6) <u>    </u> Iron Deposits (B5) <u>    </u> Thin Muck Surface (C7) <u>    </u> Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7) <u>    </u> Other (Explain in Remarks) <u>    </u> Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)	<u>Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)</u> <u>    </u> Surface Soil Cracks (B6) <u>    </u> Drainage Patterns (B10) <u>    </u> Moss Trim Lines (B16) <u>    </u> Dry-Season Water Table (C2) <u>    </u> Crayfish Burrows (C8) <u>    </u> Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9) <u>    </u> Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1) <u>    </u> Geomorphic Position (D2) <u>    </u> Shallow Aquitard (D3) <u>    </u> Microtopographic Relief (D4) <u>X</u> FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
<b>Field Observations:</b> Surface Water Present? Yes <u>    </u> No <u>X</u> Depth (inches): <u>    </u> Water Table Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u>    </u> Depth (inches): <u>11</u> Saturation Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u>    </u> Depth (inches): <u>0</u> (includes capillary fringe)	<b>Wetland Hydrology Present?</b> Yes <u>X</u> No <u>    </u>
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Remarks:	

**VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.**

 Sampling Point: DPW1

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Herb Stratum (Plot size: <u>5</u> )																				
1. <u>Juncus effusus</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>OBL</u>	<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:</b> <u>1</u> - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation <u>X</u> 2 - Dominance Test is >50% <u>X</u> 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 <sup>1</sup> <u>4</u> - Morphological Adaptations <sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)  <u>      </u> Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation <sup>1</sup> (Explain)  <sup>1</sup> Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.																
2. <u>Carex comosa</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>OBL</u>																	
3. <u>Onoclea sensibilis</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>FACW</u>																	
4. <u>Symphyotrichum puniceum</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>OBL</u>																	
5. <u>Glyceria striata</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>OBL</u>																	
6. <u>Agrostis scabra</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>FAC</u>																	
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Definitions of Vegetation Strata:  
  
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**Herb** – All herbaceous (non-woody) plants, regardless of size, and woody plants less than 3.28 ft tall.  
  
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Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?      Yes X      No \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: (Include photo numbers here or on a separate sheet.)

## SOIL

Sampling Point DPW1

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## WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Northcentral and Northeast Region

Project/Site: Blood Road Muck ILF Site City/County: Erie County Sampling Date: 6/8/20  
Applicant/Owner: Ducks Unlimited State: NY Sampling Point: DPW2  
Investigator(s): J. Fraser Section, Township, Range: Town of Elma  
Landform (hillside, terrace, etc.): depression Local relief (concave, convex, none): concave Slope %: 0.5  
Subregion (LRR or MLRA): LRR L Lat: 42°47'23.711" N Long: 78°35'55.086" W Datum: WGS84  
Soil Map Unit Name: Palms muck (Pa) NWI classification: PEM 1E  
Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes X No      (If no, explain in Remarks.)  
Are Vegetation     , Soil     , or Hydrology      significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes X No       
Are Vegetation     , Soil     , or Hydrology      naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

### SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u>    </u>	<b>Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?</b> Yes <u>X</u> No <u>    </u> If yes, optional Wetland Site ID: <u>Wetland B</u>
Hydric Soil Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u>    </u>	
Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u>    </u>	
Remarks: (Explain alternative procedures here or in a separate report.)	

### HYDROLOGY

<b>Wetland Hydrology Indicators:</b>		<u>Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)</u>	
<u>Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; check all that apply)</u>			
<u>    </u> Surface Water (A1)	<u>    </u> Water-Stained Leaves (B9)	<u>    </u> Surface Soil Cracks (B6)	
<u>X</u> High Water Table (A2)	<u>    </u> Aquatic Fauna (B13)	<u>    </u> Drainage Patterns (B10)	
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<u>    </u> Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)		<u>    </u> Microtopographic Relief (D4)	
		<u>X</u> FAC-Neutral Test (D5)	
<b>Field Observations:</b>			
Surface Water Present? Yes <u>    </u> No <u>X</u>	Depth (inches): <u>    </u>	<b>Wetland Hydrology Present?</b> Yes <u>X</u> No <u>    </u>	
Water Table Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u>    </u>	Depth (inches): <u>9</u>		
Saturation Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u>    </u>	Depth (inches): <u>0</u>		
(includes capillary fringe)			
Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:			
Remarks:			

Sampling Point: DPW2

Tree Stratum		Plot size: 30		Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
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Sapling/Shrub Stratum		Plot size: 15		Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
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					=Total Cover	
Herb Stratum		Plot size: 5		Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.	<i>Carex comosa</i>			30	Yes	OBL
2.	<i>Symphotrichum puniceum</i>			20	Yes	OBL
3.	<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>			12	No	FACW
4.	<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>			10	No	OBL
5.	<i>Juncus effusus</i>			5	No	OBL
6.	<i>Verbena hastata</i>			4	No	FACW
7.						
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				81	=Total Cover	
Woody Vine Stratum		Plot size: 30		Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.						
2.						
3.						
4.						
					=Total Cover	

**Dominance Test worksheet:**

Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 2 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 2 (B)

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 100.0% (A/B)

**Prevalence Index worksheet:**

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	65	x 1 =	65
FACW species	16	x 2 =	32
FAC species	0	x 3 =	0
FACU species	0	x 4 =	0
UPL species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	81 (A)		97 (B)
Prevalence Index = B/A =		1.20	

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

X 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

X 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0<sup>1</sup>

4 - Morphological Adaptations<sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)

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**Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?** Yes X No

Remarks: (Include photo numbers here or on a separate sheet.)



## SOIL

Sampling Point: DPW2

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# WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Northcentral and Northeast Region

Project/Site: Blood Road Muck ILF Site City/County: Erie County Sampling Date: 6/9/20  
 Applicant/Owner: Ducks Unlimited State: NY Sampling Point: DPW3  
 Investigator(s): J. Fraser Section, Township, Range: Town of Elma  
 Landform (hillside, terrace, etc.): hillslope Local relief (concave, convex, none): none Slope %: 2  
 Subregion (LRR or MLRA): LRR L Lat: 42°47'28.169" N Long: 78°36'2.215" W Datum: WGS84  
 Soil Map Unit Name: Palms muck (Pa) NWI classification: PEM 1E

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## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u>    </u> Hydric Soil Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u>    </u> Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u>    </u>	<b>Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?</b> Yes <u>X</u> No <u>    </u> If yes, optional Wetland Site ID: <u>Wetland A</u>
Remarks: (Explain alternative procedures here or in a separate report.)	

## HYDROLOGY

<b>Wetland Hydrology Indicators:</b> <u>Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; check all that apply)</u> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 48%;"> <u>    </u> Surface Water (A1)  <u>X</u> High Water Table (A2)  <u>X</u> Saturation (A3)  <u>    </u> Water Marks (B1)  <u>    </u> Sediment Deposits (B2)  <u>    </u> Drift Deposits (B3)  <u>    </u> Algal Mat or Crust (B4)  <u>    </u> Iron Deposits (B5)  <u>    </u> Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)  <u>    </u> Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)         </div> <div style="width: 48%;"> <u>    </u> Water-Stained Leaves (B9)  <u>    </u> Aquatic Fauna (B13)  <u>    </u> Marl Deposits (B15)  <u>    </u> Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)  <u>    </u> Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3)  <u>    </u> Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)  <u>    </u> Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6)  <u>    </u> Thin Muck Surface (C7)  <u>    </u> Other (Explain in Remarks)         </div> </div>	<u>Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)</u> <u>    </u> Surface Soil Cracks (B6) <u>    </u> Drainage Patterns (B10) <u>    </u> Moss Trim Lines (B16) <u>    </u> Dry-Season Water Table (C2) <u>    </u> Crayfish Burrows (C8) <u>    </u> Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9) <u>    </u> Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1) <u>    </u> Geomorphic Position (D2) <u>    </u> Shallow Aquitard (D3) <u>    </u> Microtopographic Relief (D4) <u>X</u> FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
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Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:	
Remarks:	

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 Sampling Point: DPW3

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1. <u>Onoclea sensibilis</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>FACW</u>																	
2. <u>Phragmites australis</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>FACW</u>																	
3. <u>Symphyotrichum puniceum</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>OBL</u>																	
4. <u>Equisetum arvense</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>FAC</u>																	
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Remarks: (Include photo numbers here or on a separate sheet.)

## SOIL

Sampling Point: DPW3

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Project/Site: Blood Road Muck ILF Site City/County: Erie County Sampling Date: 6/8/20  
Applicant/Owner: Ducks Unlimited State: NY Sampling Point: DPW4  
Investigator(s): J. Fraser Section, Township, Range: Town of Elma  
Landform (hillside, terrace, etc.): depression Local relief (concave, convex, none): none Slope %: 0.5  
Subregion (LRR or MLRA): LRR L Lat: 42°47'25.785" N Long: 78°35'58.932" W Datum: WGS84  
Soil Map Unit Name: Palms muck (Pa) NWI classification: PEM 1E  
Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes X No        (If no, explain in Remarks.)  
Are Vegetation       , Soil       , or Hydrology        significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes X No         
Are Vegetation       , Soil       , or Hydrology        naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes <u>  X  </u>	No <u>      </u>	<b>Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?</b> Yes <u>  X  </u> No <u>      </u> If yes, optional Wetland Site ID: <u>Wetland B</u>
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes <u>  X  </u>	No <u>      </u>	
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes <u>  X  </u>	No <u>      </u>	
Remarks: (Explain alternative procedures here or in a separate report.)			

<b>Wetland Hydrology Indicators:</b> Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; check all that apply)			<b>Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Surface Water (A1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves (B9)	<input type="checkbox"/> Surface Soil Cracks (B6)			
<input type="checkbox"/> High Water Table (A2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Fauna (B13)	<input type="checkbox"/> Drainage Patterns (B10)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Saturation (A3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Marl Deposits (B15)	<input type="checkbox"/> Moss Trim Lines (B16)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Water Marks (B1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)	<input type="checkbox"/> ? Dry-Season Water Table (C2)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Sediment Deposits (B2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Crayfish Burrows (C8)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Drift Deposits (B3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Algal Mat or Crust (B4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Iron Deposits (B5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Thin Muck Surface (C7)	<input type="checkbox"/> Geomorphic Position (D2)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)	<input type="checkbox"/> Shallow Aquitard (D3)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)		<input type="checkbox"/> Microtopographic Relief (D4)			
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAC-Neutral Test (D5)			

<b>Field Observations:</b> Surface Water Present?    Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): <input type="text"/>				<b>Wetland Hydrology Present?</b> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Water Table Present?    Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): <input type="text"/> 17				
Saturation Present?    Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): <input type="text"/> 0				
(includes capillary fringe)				
Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:				
Remarks:				



Sampling Point: DPW4

Tree Stratum	(Plot size: 30 )	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	
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Sapling/Shrub Stratum	(Plot size: 15 )				
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Herb Stratum	(Plot size: 5 )				
1.	<i>Agrostis scabra</i>	40	Yes	FAC	
2.	<i>Symphotrichum puniceum</i>	40	Yes	OBL	
3.	<i>Carex gynandra</i>	10	No	OBL	
4.	<i>Juncus effusus</i>	10	No	OBL	
5.	<i>Lolium perenne</i>	4	No	FACU	
6.	<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>	3	No	FACW	
7.	<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	3	No	OBL	
8.	<i>Acer negundo</i>	1	No	FAC	
9.					
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		111	=Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum	(Plot size: 30 )				
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		=Total Cover			

**Dominance Test worksheet:**

Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 2 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 2 (B)

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 100.0% (A/B)

**Prevalence Index worksheet:**

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:
OBL species	63	x 1 = 63
FACW species	3	x 2 = 6
FAC species	41	x 3 = 123
FACU species	4	x 4 = 16
UPL species	0	x 5 = 0
Column Totals:	111 (A)	208 (B)
Prevalence Index = B/A =		1.87

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

☐ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

☒ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

☒ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0<sup>1</sup>

☐ 4 - Morphological Adaptations<sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)

☐ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation<sup>1</sup> (Explain)

<sup>1</sup>Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

**Definitions of Vegetation Strata:**

**Tree** – Woody plants 3 in. (7.6 cm) or more in diameter at breast height (DBH), regardless of height.

**Sapling/shrub** – Woody plants less than 3 in. DBH and greater than or equal to 3.28 ft (1 m) tall.

**Herb** – All herbaceous (non-woody) plants, regardless of size, and woody plants less than 3.28 ft tall.

**Woody vines** – All woody vines greater than 3.28 ft in height.

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?** Yes ☒ No ☐

Remarks: (Include photo numbers here or on a separate sheet.)

## SOIL

Sampling Point: DPW4

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# WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Northcentral and Northeast Region

Project/Site: Blood Road Muck ILF Site City/County: Erie County Sampling Date: 6/9/20  
 Applicant/Owner: Ducks Unlimited State: NY Sampling Point: DPW5  
 Investigator(s): J. Fraser Section, Township, Range: Town of Elma  
 Landform (hillside, terrace, etc.): hillslope Local relief (concave, convex, none): none Slope %: 1.5  
 Subregion (LRR or MLRA): LRR L Lat: 42°47'27.062" N Long: 78°36'4.13" W Datum: WGS84  
 Soil Map Unit Name: Palms muck (Pa) NWI classification: PEM 1E

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes X No      (If no, explain in Remarks.)  
 Are Vegetation     , Soil     , or Hydrology      significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes X No       
 Are Vegetation     , Soil     , or Hydrology      naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u>    </u> Hydric Soil Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u>    </u> Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u>    </u>	<b>Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?</b> Yes <u>X</u> No <u>    </u> If yes, optional Wetland Site ID: <u>Wetland C</u>
Remarks: (Explain alternative procedures here or in a separate report.)	

## HYDROLOGY

<b>Wetland Hydrology Indicators:</b> <u>Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; check all that apply)</u> <u>    </u> Surface Water (A1) <u>    </u> Water-Stained Leaves (B9) <u>    </u> High Water Table (A2) <u>    </u> Aquatic Fauna (B13) <u>X</u> Saturation (A3) <u>    </u> Marl Deposits (B15) <u>    </u> Water Marks (B1) <u>    </u> Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1) <u>    </u> Sediment Deposits (B2) <u>    </u> Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) <u>    </u> Drift Deposits (B3) <u>    </u> Presence of Reduced Iron (C4) <u>    </u> Algal Mat or Crust (B4) <u>    </u> Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6) <u>    </u> Iron Deposits (B5) <u>    </u> Thin Muck Surface (C7) <u>    </u> Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7) <u>    </u> Other (Explain in Remarks) <u>    </u> Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)	<u>Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)</u> <u>    </u> Surface Soil Cracks (B6) <u>    </u> Drainage Patterns (B10) <u>    </u> Moss Trim Lines (B16) <u>    ?</u> Dry-Season Water Table (C2) <u>    </u> Crayfish Burrows (C8) <u>    </u> Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9) <u>    </u> Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1) <u>    </u> Geomorphic Position (D2) <u>    </u> Shallow Aquitard (D3) <u>    </u> Microtopographic Relief (D4) <u>X</u> FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
<b>Field Observations:</b> Surface Water Present? Yes <u>    </u> No <u>X</u> Depth (inches): <u>    </u> Water Table Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u>    </u> Depth (inches): <u>21</u> Saturation Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u>    </u> Depth (inches): <u>0</u> (includes capillary fringe)	<b>Wetland Hydrology Present?</b> Yes <u>X</u> No <u>    </u>
Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:	
Remarks:	

**VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.**

 Sampling Point: DPW5

Tree Stratum (Plot size: <u>30</u> )	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status																	
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	<b>Dominance Test worksheet:</b>  Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>2</u> (A)  Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>2</u> (B)  Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>100.0%</u> (A/B)																
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Herb Stratum (Plot size: <u>5</u> )																				
1. <u>Symphyotrichum puniceum</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>OBL</u>	<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:</b> <u>1</u> - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation <u>X</u> 2 - Dominance Test is >50% <u>X</u> 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 <sup>1</sup> <u>4</u> - Morphological Adaptations <sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)  <u>      </u> Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation <sup>1</sup> (Explain)  <sup>1</sup> Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.																
2. <u>Juncus effusus</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>OBL</u>																	
3. <u>Solidago canadensis</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>FACU</u>																	
4. <u>Equisetum arvense</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>FAC</u>																	
5. <u>Verbena hastata</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>FACW</u>																	
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**Woody vines** – All woody vines greater than 3.28 ft in height.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?      Yes X      No \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: (Include photo numbers here or on a separate sheet.)

## SOIL

Sampling Point: DPW5

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Project/Site: Blood Road Muck ILF Site City/County: Erie County Sampling Date: 6/8/20  
Applicant/Owner: Ducks Unlimited State: NY Sampling Point: DPU1  
Investigator(s): J. Fraser Section, Township, Range: Town of Elma  
Landform (hillside, terrace, etc.): hillslope Local relief (concave, convex, none): none Slope %: 1  
Subregion (LRR or MLRA): LRR L Lat: 42°47'22.634"N Long: 78°36'3.664"W Datum: WGS84  
Soil Map Unit Name: Palms muck (Pa) NWI classification: None  
Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes X No        (If no, explain in Remarks.)  
Are Vegetation       , Soil       , or Hydrology        significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes X No         
Are Vegetation       , Soil       , or Hydrology        naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes _____	No <u>X</u>	<b>Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?</b> Yes _____ No <u>X</u>  If yes, optional Wetland Site ID: _____
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____	
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes _____	No <u>X</u>	
Remarks: (Explain alternative procedures here or in a separate report.)     			

<b>Wetland Hydrology Indicators:</b> Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; check all that apply)			<b>Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Surface Water (A1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves (B9)	<input type="checkbox"/> Surface Soil Cracks (B6)			
<input type="checkbox"/> High Water Table (A2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Fauna (B13)	<input type="checkbox"/> Drainage Patterns (B10)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturation (A3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Marl Deposits (B15)	<input type="checkbox"/> Moss Trim Lines (B16)			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Iron Deposits (B5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Thin Muck Surface (C7)	<input type="checkbox"/> Geomorphic Position (D2)			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> FAC-Neutral Test (D5)			

<b>Field Observations:</b> Surface Water Present?    Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): <input type="text"/> Water Table Present?    Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): <input type="text"/> Saturation Present?    Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): <input type="text" value="14"/> (includes capillary fringe)				<b>Wetland Hydrology Present?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:					
Remarks:					



**VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.**

 Sampling Point: DPU1

Tree Stratum (Plot size: <u>30</u> )	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status																	
1. <u>Acer rubrum</u>	50	Yes	FAC	<b>Dominance Test worksheet:</b>  Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>1</u> (A)  Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>3</u> (B)  Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>33.3%</u> (A/B)																
2. <u>Pinus strobus</u>	20	Yes	FACU																	
3. <u>Tsuga canadensis</u>	15	No	FACU																	
4. <u>Acer saccharum</u>	8	No	FACU																	
5. <u>Betula alleghaniensis</u>	5	No	FAC																	
6. _____																				
7. _____																				
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Herb Stratum (Plot size: <u>5</u> )																				
1. <u>Gaultheria procumbens</u>	85	Yes	FACU	<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:</b> <u>1</u> - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation <u>2</u> - Dominance Test is >50% <u>3</u> - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 <sup>1</sup> <u>4</u> - Morphological Adaptations <sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)  <u>      </u> Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation <sup>1</sup> (Explain)  <sup>1</sup> Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.																
2. <u>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</u>	15	No	FACU																	
3. <u>Osmundastrum cinnamomeum</u>	8	No	FACW																	
4. <u>Prunus serotina</u>	5	No	FACU																	
5. <u>Acer rubrum</u>	2	No	FAC																	
6. <u>Carya ovata</u>	2	No	FACU																	
7. <u>Polygonatum biflorum</u>	1	No	FACU																	
8. _____																				
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11. _____																				
12. _____																				
	118	=Total Cover																		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: <u>30</u> )																				
1. _____				<b>Definitions of Vegetation Strata:</b>  <b>Tree</b> – Woody plants 3 in. (7.6 cm) or more in diameter at breast height (DBH), regardless of height.  <b>Sapling/shrub</b> – Woody plants less than 3 in. DBH and greater than or equal to 3.28 ft (1 m) tall.  <b>Herb</b> – All herbaceous (non-woody) plants, regardless of size, and woody plants less than 3.28 ft tall.  <b>Woody vines</b> – All woody vines greater than 3.28 ft in height.																
2. _____																				
3. _____																				
4. _____																				
		=Total Cover		<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?</b> Yes <u>      </u> No <u>  X  </u>																

Remarks: (Include photo numbers here or on a separate sheet.)

## SOIL

Sampling Point: DPU1

[illegible]

Project/Site: Blood Road Muck ILF Site City/County: Erie County Sampling Date: 6/8/20  
Applicant/Owner: Ducks Unlimited State: NY Sampling Point: DPU2  
Investigator(s): J. Fraser Section, Township, Range: Town of Elma  
Landform (hillside, terrace, etc.): hillslope Local relief (concave, convex, none): none Slope %: 5  
Subregion (LRR or MLRA): LRR L Lat: 42°47'20.565"N Long: 78°36'3.474"W Datum: WGS84  
Soil Map Unit Name: Palms muck (pa) NWI classification: PEM 1E  
Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes X No      (If no, explain in Remarks.)  
Are Vegetation     , Soil     , or Hydrology      significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes X No       
Are Vegetation     , Soil     , or Hydrology      naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes _____	No <u>  X  </u>	<b>Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?</b>
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes _____	No <u>  X  </u>	
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes _____	No <u>  X  </u>	
Remarks: (Explain alternative procedures here or in a separate report.)			If yes, optional Wetland Site ID: _____

<b>Wetland Hydrology Indicators:</b> <u>Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; check all that apply)</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Surface Water (A1) <input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves (B9) <input type="checkbox"/> High Water Table (A2) <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Fauna (B13) <input type="checkbox"/> Saturation (A3) <input type="checkbox"/> Marl Deposits (B15) <input type="checkbox"/> Water Marks (B1) <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1) <input type="checkbox"/> Sediment Deposits (B2) <input type="checkbox"/> Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) <input type="checkbox"/> Drift Deposits (B3) <input type="checkbox"/> Presence of Reduced Iron (C4) <input type="checkbox"/> Algal Mat or Crust (B4) <input type="checkbox"/> Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6) <input type="checkbox"/> Iron Deposits (B5) <input type="checkbox"/> Thin Muck Surface (C7) <input type="checkbox"/> Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks) <input type="checkbox"/> Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)			<u>Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Surface Soil Cracks (B6) <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage Patterns (B10) <input type="checkbox"/> Moss Trim Lines (B16) <input type="checkbox"/> Dry-Season Water Table (C2) <input type="checkbox"/> Crayfish Burrows (C8) <input type="checkbox"/> Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9) <input type="checkbox"/> Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1) <input type="checkbox"/> Geomorphic Position (D2) <input type="checkbox"/> Shallow Aquitard (D3) <input type="checkbox"/> Microtopographic Relief (D4) <input type="checkbox"/> FAC-Neutral Test (D5)		
<b>Field Observations:</b> Surface Water Present?    Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): <input type="text"/> Water Table Present?    Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): <input type="text"/> Saturation Present?    Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): <input type="text"/> (includes capillary fringe)			<b>Wetland Hydrology Present?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:					
Remarks:					

Sampling Point: DPU2

Tree Stratum	Plot size: 30	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				
7.				
		=Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum	Plot size: 15	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				
7.				
		=Total Cover		
Herb Stratum	Plot size: 5	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.	<i>Ambrosia artemisiifolia</i>	70	Yes	FACU
2.	<i>Solidago canadensis</i>	50	Yes	FACU
3.	<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>	3	No	FACU
4.	<i>Lamium purpureum</i>	1	No	UPL
5.				
6.				
7.				
8.				
9.				
10.				
11.				
12.				
		124 =Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum	Plot size: 30	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
		=Total Cover		

**Dominance Test worksheet:**

Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 0 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 2 (B)

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 0.0% (A/B)

**Prevalence Index worksheet:**

Total % Cover of:	Multiply by:
OBL species 0	x 1 = 0
FACW species 0	x 2 = 0
FAC species 0	x 3 = 0
FACU species 123	x 4 = 492
UPL species 1	x 5 = 5
Column Totals: 124 (A)	497 (B)
Prevalence Index = B/A = 4.01	

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

2 - Dominance Test is >50%

3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0<sup>1</sup>

4 - Morphological Adaptations<sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)

Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation<sup>1</sup> (Explain)

<sup>1</sup>Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

**Definitions of Vegetation Strata:**

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**Woody vines** – All woody vines greater than 3.28 ft in height.

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?** Yes ☐ No ☒

Remarks: (Include photo numbers here or on a separate sheet.)

## SOIL

Sampling Point: DPU2

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)								
Depth (inches)	Matrix		Redox Features				Texture	Remarks
	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type <sup>1</sup>	Loc <sup>2</sup>		
0-14	10YR 3/1	100					Loamy/Clayey	
14-20	10YR 2/1	100					Muck	

<sup>1</sup>Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, MS=Masked Sand Grains.

<sup>2</sup>Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

Hydric Soil Indicators:

☐ Histosol (A1)

☐ Histic Epipedon (A2)

☐ Black Histic (A3)

☐ Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)

☐ Stratified Layers (A5)

☐ Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)

☐ Thick Dark Surface (A12)

☐ Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)

☐ Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)

☐ Sandy Redox (S5)

☐ Stripped Matrix (S6)

☐ Dark Surface (S7)

☐ Polyvalue Below Surface (S8) (**LRR R,**

**MLRA 149B)**

☐ Thin Dark Surface (S9) (**LRR R, MLRA 149B)**

☐ High Chroma Sands (S11) (**LRR K, L)**

☐ Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1) (**LRR K, L)**

☐ Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)

☐ Depleted Matrix (F3)

☐ Redox Dark Surface (F6)

☐ Depleted Dark Surface (F7)

☐ Redox Depressions (F8)

☐ Marl (F10) (**LRR K, L)**

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils<sup>3</sup>:

☐ 2 cm Muck (A10) (**LRR K, L, MLRA 149B)**

☐ Coast Prairie Redox (A16) (**LRR K, L, R)**

☐ 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3) (**LRR K, L, R)**

☐ Polyvalue Below Surface (S8) (**LRR K, L)**

☐ Thin Dark Surface (S9) (**LRR K, L)**

☐ Iron-Manganese Masses (F12) (**LRR K, L, R)**

☐ Piedmont Floodplain Soils (F19) (**MLRA 149B)**

☐ Mesic Spodic (TA6) (**MLRA 144A, 145, 149B)**

☐ Red Parent Material (F21)

☐ Very Shallow Dark Surface (F22)

☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Restrictive Layer (if observed):

Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_

Hydric Soil Present?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

Remarks:  
This data form is revised from Northcentral and Northeast Regional Supplement Version 2.0 to include the NRCS Field Indicators of Hydric Soils, Version 7.0, 2015 Errata. ([http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/nrcs142p2\\_051293.docx](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/nrcs142p2_051293.docx))

# WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Northcentral and Northeast Region

Project/Site: Blood Road Muck ILF Site City/County: Erie County Sampling Date: 6/8/20  
 Applicant/Owner: Ducks Unlimited State: NY Sampling Point: DPU3  
 Investigator(s): J. Fraser Section, Township, Range: Town of Elma  
 Landform (hillside, terrace, etc.): hillslope Local relief (concave, convex, none): none Slope %: 1  
 Subregion (LRR or MLRA): LRR L Lat: 42°47'22.085"N Long: 78°35'53.874"W Datum: WGS84  
 Soil Map Unit Name: Palms muck (Pa) NWI classification: PEM 1E

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes X No      (If no, explain in Remarks.)  
 Are Vegetation     , Soil     , or Hydrology      significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes X No       
 Are Vegetation     , Soil     , or Hydrology      naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <u>    </u> No <u>X</u> Hydric Soil Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u>    </u> Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <u>    </u> No <u>X</u>	<b>Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?</b> Yes <u>    </u> No <u>X</u> If yes, optional Wetland Site ID: <u>                    </u>
Remarks: (Explain alternative procedures here or in a separate report.)	

## HYDROLOGY

<b>Wetland Hydrology Indicators:</b> <u>Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; check all that apply)</u> <div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="width: 50%;"> <u>    </u> Surface Water (A1)  <u>    </u> High Water Table (A2)  <u>    </u> Saturation (A3)  <u>    </u> Water Marks (B1)  <u>    </u> Sediment Deposits (B2)  <u>    </u> Drift Deposits (B3)  <u>    </u> Algal Mat or Crust (B4)  <u>    </u> Iron Deposits (B5)  <u>    </u> Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)  <u>    </u> Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)         </div> <div style="width: 50%;"> <u>    </u> Water-Stained Leaves (B9)  <u>    </u> Aquatic Fauna (B13)  <u>    </u> Marl Deposits (B15)  <u>    </u> Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)  <u>    </u> Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3)  <u>    </u> Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)  <u>    </u> Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6)  <u>    </u> Thin Muck Surface (C7)  <u>    </u> Other (Explain in Remarks)         </div> </div>	<u>Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)</u> <u>    </u> Surface Soil Cracks (B6) <u>    </u> Drainage Patterns (B10) <u>    </u> Moss Trim Lines (B16) <u>    </u> Dry-Season Water Table (C2) <u>    </u> Crayfish Burrows (C8) <u>    </u> Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9) <u>    </u> Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1) <u>    </u> Geomorphic Position (D2) <u>    </u> Shallow Aquitard (D3) <u>    </u> Microtopographic Relief (D4) <u>    </u> FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
<b>Field Observations:</b> Surface Water Present? Yes <u>    </u> No <u>X</u> Depth (inches): <u>    </u> Water Table Present? Yes <u>    </u> No <u>X</u> Depth (inches): <u>    </u> Saturation Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u>    </u> Depth (inches): <u>17</u> (includes capillary fringe)	<b>Wetland Hydrology Present?</b> Yes <u>    </u> No <u>X</u>
Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:	
Remarks:	



**VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.**

 Sampling Point: DPU3

Tree Stratum (Plot size: <u>30</u> )	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status																	
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	<b>Dominance Test worksheet:</b>  Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>0</u> (A)  Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>3</u> (B)  Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>0.0%</u> (A/B)																
2. _____	_____	_____	_____																	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____																	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____																	
5. _____	_____	_____	_____																	
6. _____	_____	_____	_____																	
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1. _____	_____	_____	_____																	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____																	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____																	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____																	
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6. _____	_____	_____	_____																	
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=Total Cover																				
Herb Stratum (Plot size: <u>5</u> )																				
1. <u>Ambrosia artemisiifolia</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>FACU</u>																	
2. <u>Lolium perenne</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>FACU</u>																	
3. <u>Solidago canadensis</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>FACU</u>																	
4. <u>Asclepias syriaca</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>UPL</u>																	
5. <u>Daucus carota</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>UPL</u>																	
6. <u>Cirsium arvense</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>FACU</u>																	
7. <u>Symphyotrichum puniceum</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>OBL</u>																	
8. <u>Equisetum arvense</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>FAC</u>																	
9. <u>Lamium purpureum</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>UPL</u>																	
10. <u>Eupatorium perfoliatum</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>FACW</u>																	
11. <u>Rumex crispus</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>FAC</u>																	
12. _____	_____	_____	_____																	
<u>119</u> =Total Cover																				
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: <u>30</u> )																				
1. _____	_____	_____	_____																	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____																	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____																	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____																	
=Total Cover																				

Remarks: (Include photo numbers here or on a separate sheet.)

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

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**Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**      Yes         No   X

## SOIL

Sampling Point: DPU3

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# WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Northcentral and Northeast Region

Project/Site: Blood Road Muck ILF Site City/County: Erie County Sampling Date: 6/8/20  
 Applicant/Owner: Ducks Unlimited State: NY Sampling Point: DPU4  
 Investigator(s): J. Fraser Section, Township, Range: Town of Elma  
 Landform (hillside, terrace, etc.): depression Local relief (concave, convex, none): none Slope %: 1  
 Subregion (LRR or MLRA): LRR L Lat: 42°47'28.2"N Long: 78°35'59.049"W Datum: WGS84  
 Soil Map Unit Name: Palms muck (Pa) NWI classification: PEM 1E

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes X No      (If no, explain in Remarks.)  
 Are Vegetation     , Soil     , or Hydrology      significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes X No       
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## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <u>    </u> No <u>X</u> Hydric Soil Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u>    </u> Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <u>    </u> No <u>X</u>	<b>Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?</b> Yes <u>    </u> No <u>X</u> If yes, optional Wetland Site ID: <u>    </u>
Remarks: (Explain alternative procedures here or in a separate report.)	

## HYDROLOGY

<b>Wetland Hydrology Indicators:</b> <u>Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; check all that apply)</u> <div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="width: 50%;"> <u>    </u> Surface Water (A1)  <u>    </u> High Water Table (A2)  <u>    </u> Saturation (A3)  <u>    </u> Water Marks (B1)  <u>    </u> Sediment Deposits (B2)  <u>    </u> Drift Deposits (B3)  <u>    </u> Algal Mat or Crust (B4)  <u>    </u> Iron Deposits (B5)  <u>    </u> Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)  <u>    </u> Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)         </div> <div style="width: 50%;"> <u>    </u> Water-Stained Leaves (B9)  <u>    </u> Aquatic Fauna (B13)  <u>    </u> Marl Deposits (B15)  <u>    </u> Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)  <u>    </u> Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3)  <u>    </u> Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)  <u>    </u> Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6)  <u>    </u> Thin Muck Surface (C7)  <u>    </u> Other (Explain in Remarks)         </div> </div>	<u>Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)</u> <u>    </u> Surface Soil Cracks (B6) <u>    </u> Drainage Patterns (B10) <u>    </u> Moss Trim Lines (B16) <u>    </u> Dry-Season Water Table (C2) <u>    </u> Crayfish Burrows (C8) <u>    </u> Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9) <u>    </u> Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1) <u>    </u> Geomorphic Position (D2) <u>    </u> Shallow Aquitard (D3) <u>    </u> Microtopographic Relief (D4) <u>    </u> FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
<b>Field Observations:</b> Surface Water Present? Yes <u>    </u> No <u>X</u> Depth (inches): <u>    </u> Water Table Present? Yes <u>    </u> No <u>X</u> Depth (inches): <u>    </u> Saturation Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u>    </u> Depth (inches): <u>15</u> (includes capillary fringe)	<b>Wetland Hydrology Present?</b> Yes <u>    </u> No <u>X</u>
Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:	
Remarks:	

**VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.**

 Sampling Point: DPU4

Tree Stratum (Plot size: <u>30</u> )	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status																	
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	<b>Dominance Test worksheet:</b>  Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>0</u> (A)  Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>1</u> (B)  Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>0.0%</u> (A/B)  <b>Prevalence Index worksheet:</b> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Total % Cover of:</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Multiply by:</th> </tr> <tr> <td>OBL species <u>10</u></td> <td>x 1 = <u>10</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>FACW species <u>0</u></td> <td>x 2 = <u>0</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>FAC species <u>4</u></td> <td>x 3 = <u>12</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>FACU species <u>72</u></td> <td>x 4 = <u>288</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>UPL species <u>0</u></td> <td>x 5 = <u>0</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Column Totals: <u>86</u> (A)</td> <td><u>310</u> (B)</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Prevalence Index = B/A = <u>3.60</u></td> </tr> </table>	Total % Cover of:	Multiply by:	OBL species <u>10</u>	x 1 = <u>10</u>	FACW species <u>0</u>	x 2 = <u>0</u>	FAC species <u>4</u>	x 3 = <u>12</u>	FACU species <u>72</u>	x 4 = <u>288</u>	UPL species <u>0</u>	x 5 = <u>0</u>	Column Totals: <u>86</u> (A)	<u>310</u> (B)	Prevalence Index = B/A = <u>3.60</u>	
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Herb Stratum (Plot size: <u>5</u> )																				
1. <u>Solidago canadensis</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>FACU</u>	<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:</b> <u>1</u> - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation <u>2</u> - Dominance Test is >50% <u>3</u> - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 <sup>1</sup> <u>4</u> - Morphological Adaptations <sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)  <u>  </u> Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation <sup>1</sup> (Explain)  <sup>1</sup> Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.																
2. <u>Symphyotrichum puniceum</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>OBL</u>																	
3. <u>Barbarea vulgaris</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>FAC</u>																	
4. <u>Ambrosia artemisiifolia</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>FACU</u>																	
5. <u>Lythrum salicaria</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>OBL</u>																	
6. <u>Acer rubrum</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>FAC</u>																	
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Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: <u>30</u> )																				
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2. _____	_____	_____	_____																	
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		=Total Cover																		

Remarks: (Include photo numbers here or on a separate sheet.)

## SOIL

Sampling Point: DPU4

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Project/Site: Blood Road Muck ILF Site City/County: Erie County Sampling Date: 6/9/20  
Applicant/Owner: Ducks Unlimited State: NY Sampling Point: DPU5  
Investigator(s): J. Fraser Section, Township, Range: Town of Elma  
Landform (hillside, terrace, etc.): hillslope Local relief (concave, convex, none): none Slope %: 1.5  
Subregion (LRR or MLRA): LRR L Lat: 42°47'27.52"N Long: 78°36'4.32"W Datum: WGS84  
Soil Map Unit Name: Palms muck (Pa) NWI classification: PEM 1E  
Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes X No        (If no, explain in Remarks.)  
Are Vegetation       , Soil       , or Hydrology        significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes X No         
Are Vegetation       , Soil       , or Hydrology        naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes _____	No <u>X</u>	<b>Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?</b> Yes _____ No <u>X</u>  If yes, optional Wetland Site ID: _____
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____	
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes _____	No <u>X</u>	
Remarks: (Explain alternative procedures here or in a separate report.)			

<b>Wetland Hydrology Indicators:</b> Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; check all that apply)			<b>Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Surface Water (A1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves (B9)	<input type="checkbox"/> Surface Soil Cracks (B6)			
<input type="checkbox"/> High Water Table (A2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Fauna (B13)	<input type="checkbox"/> Drainage Patterns (B10)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturation (A3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Marl Deposits (B15)	<input type="checkbox"/> Moss Trim Lines (B16)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Water Marks (B1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Dry-Season Water Table (C2)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Sediment Deposits (B2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Crayfish Burrows (C8)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Drift Deposits (B3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Algal Mat or Crust (B4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Iron Deposits (B5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Thin Muck Surface (C7)	<input type="checkbox"/> Geomorphic Position (D2)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)	<input type="checkbox"/> Shallow Aquitard (D3)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)		<input type="checkbox"/> Microtopographic Relief (D4)			
		<input type="checkbox"/> FAC-Neutral Test (D5)			
<b>Field Observations:</b> Surface Water Present?    Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): <input type="text"/> Water Table Present?    Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): <input type="text"/> Saturation Present?    Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): <input type="text" value="15"/> (includes capillary fringe)			<b>Wetland Hydrology Present?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:					
Remarks:					



Sampling Point: DPU5

Tree Stratum	Plot size: 30	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	
1.					
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		=Total Cover			
Sapling/Shrub Stratum		Plot size: 15			
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		=Total Cover			
Herb Stratum		Plot size: 5			
1.	<i>Symphyotrichum prenanthoides</i>	50	Yes	FAC	
2.	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	25	Yes	FACU	
3.	<i>Lamium purpureum</i>	15	No	UPL	
4.	<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>	10	No	UPL	
5.	<i>Equisetum arvense</i>	10	No	FAC	
6.	<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>	2	No	FACU	
7.	<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>	2	No	FACW	
8.	<i>Verbena hastata</i>	2	No	FACW	
9.	<i>Panicum capillare</i>	1	No	FAC	
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		117	=Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum		Plot size: 30			
1.					
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4.					
		=Total Cover			

**Dominance Test worksheet:**

Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 1 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 2 (B)

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 50.0% (A/B)

**Prevalence Index worksheet:**

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:
OBL species	0	x 1 = 0
FACW species	4	x 2 = 8
FAC species	61	x 3 = 183
FACU species	27	x 4 = 108
UPL species	25	x 5 = 125
Column Totals:	117 (A)	424 (B)
Prevalence Index = B/A =		3.62

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

2 - Dominance Test is >50%

3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0<sup>1</sup>

4 - Morphological Adaptations<sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)

Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation<sup>1</sup> (Explain)

<sup>1</sup>Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

**Definitions of Vegetation Strata:**

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**Woody vines** – All woody vines greater than 3.28 ft in height.

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?** Yes No X

Remarks: (Include photo numbers here or on a separate sheet.)

## SOIL

Sampling Point: DPU5

**Profile Description:** (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)

[illegible]<sup>1</sup>Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, MS=Masked Sand Grains.<sup>2</sup>Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

### Hydric Soil Indicators:

- ☒ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epipedon (A2)
- ☐ Black Histic (A3)
- ☐ Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)
- ☐ Stratified Layers (A5)
- ☐ Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)
- ☐ Thick Dark Surface (A12)
- ☐ Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)
- ☐ Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)
- ☐ Sandy Redox (S5)
- ☐ Stripped Matrix (S6)
- ☐ Dark Surface (S7)

- \_\_\_ Polyvalue Below Surface (S8) (**LRR R**,  
**MLRA 149B**)
- \_\_\_ Thin Dark Surface (S9) (**LRR R**, **MLRA 149B**)
- \_\_\_ High Chroma Sands (S11) (**LRR K**, **L**)
- \_\_\_ Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1) (**LRR K**, **L**)
- \_\_\_ Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)
- \_\_\_ Depleted Matrix (F3)
- \_\_\_ Redox Dark Surface (F6)
- \_\_\_ Depleted Dark Surface (F7)
- \_\_\_ Redox Depressions (F8)
- \_\_\_ Marl (F10) (**LRR K**, **L**)

### Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils<sup>3</sup>:

\_\_\_\_\_ 2 cm Muck (A10) (**LRR K, L, MLRA 149B**)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Coast Prairie Redox (A16) (**LRR K, L, R**)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3) (**LRR K, L, R**)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Polyvalue Below Surface (S8) (**LRR K, L**)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Thin Dark Surface (S9) (**LRR K, L**)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Iron-Manganese Masses (F12) (**LRR K, L, R**)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Piedmont Floodplain Soils (F19) (**MLRA 149B**)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Mesic Spodic (TA6) (**MLRA 144A, 145, 149B**)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Red Parent Material (F21)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Very Shallow Dark Surface (F22)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Other (Explain in Remarks)

<sup>3</sup>Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

**Restrictive Layer (if observed):**

Type:

Depth (inches):

Hydric Soil Present?      Yes    X    No

Remarks:

This data form is revised from Northcentral and Northeast Regional Supplement Version 2.0 to include the NRCS Field Indicators of Hydric Soils, Version 7.0, 2015 Errata. ([http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/nrcs142p2\\_051293.docx](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/nrcs142p2_051293.docx))



DPW3. Emergent wetland A was dominated by sensitive fern (*Onoclea sensibilis*) and common reed (*Phragmites australis*). Primary hydrology indicators included high-water table and saturation. A histosol was the hydric soil indicator.



DPW4. This portion of emergent wetland B was dominated by rough bentgrass (*Agrostis scabra*) and purplestem aster (*Symphyotrichum puniceum*). The primary hydrology indicator was saturation. A histosol was the hydric soil indicator.

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DPW5. Emergent wetland C was dominated by purplestem aster (*Symphyotrichum puniceum*) and soft rush (*Juncus effusus*). The primary hydrology indicator was saturation. A histosol was the hydric soil indicator.

### Upland Datapoints



DPU1. Upland forest dominated by sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*) and eastern white pine (*Pinus strobus*), with eastern teaberry (*Gaultheria procumbens*) in the understory.

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DPU2. This higher area in the southwest corner of the field was dominated by perennial ragweed (*Ambrosia psilostachya*) and Canada goldenrod (*Solidago canadensis*).



DPU3. This area was dominated by perennial ragweed (*Ambrosia psilostachya*), perennial ryegrass (*Lolium perenne*), and Canada goldenrod (*Solidago canadensis*).

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DPU4. This area was dominated by Canada goldenrod (*Solidago canadensis*).



DPU5. This area was dominated by crookedstem aster (*Symphyotrichum prenanthoides*) and Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*).

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### Streams and Linear Aquatic Resource Features



An unnamed tributary of Buffalo Creek close to where it enters the Site through the forest in the southwest corner of the property. This section is approximately 6 feet wide and 12 inches deep. Approximately 1,920 linear feet (LF) occur on the Site.



The unnamed tributary flows north, then east across the muck field. Grading activities adjacent to this stream will be above the mean high water elevation.





The muck fields are encircled by 3,556 LF of perimeter ditches. These ditches are approximately 8 feet wide and 12 inches deep. Construction plans include filling a portion of these ditches to allow more surface water to enter the Site.



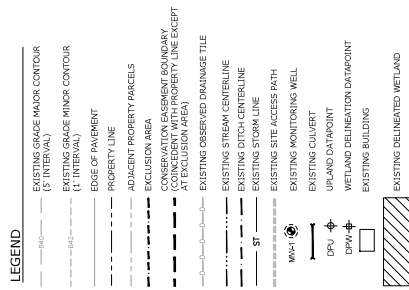
An interior drainage ditch that runs south to north through Wetland B. The ditch flows along the east side of an elevated access path before entering a culvert which carries the water to the perimeter ditch in the northeast corner of the site. Construction plans will include the disruption of this culvert.

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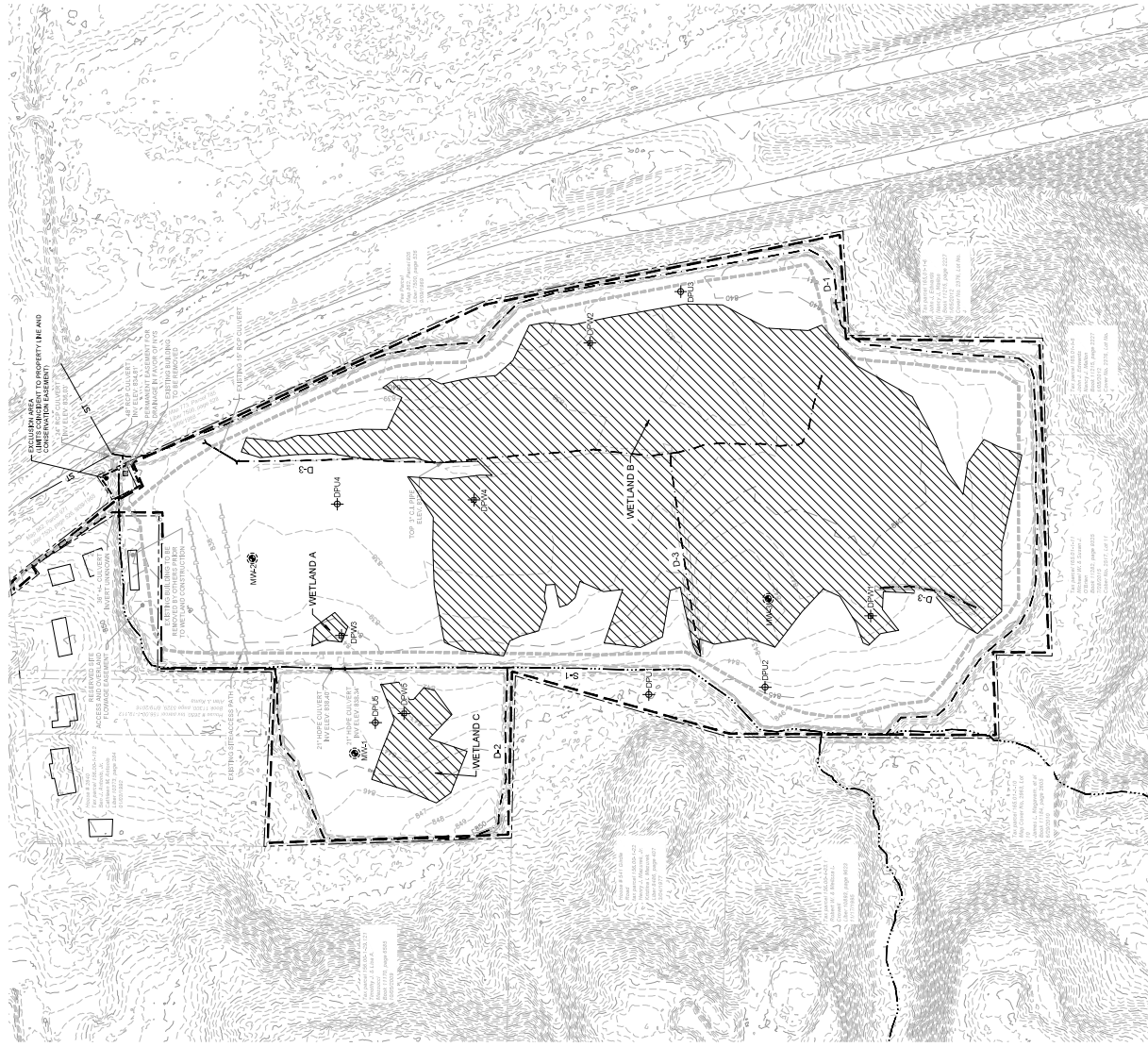
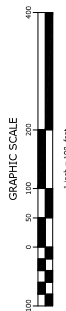


WETLAND INVENTORY TABLE			
WETLAND NAME	WETLAND TYPE	WETLAND (ACRES)	DATA POINTS
Wetland A	PCM	0.05	DPW3
Wetland B	PCM	11.95	DPW1, DPW2, DPW4
Wetland C	PCM	0.51	DPW5

STREAM/DITCH INVENTORY TABLE		
LABEL	NAME	LINEAR FEET
S-1	NYSEEC Stream (Tributary to Buffalo Creek)	1989
D-1	Main Perimeter Ditch	2645
D-2	Perimeter Ditch	927
D-3	Interior Ditches	1789

NOTES:

1. SEE DRAWING 4 FOR ADDITIONAL BASEMAP INFORMATION.
2. WETLAND DELINEATION PERFORMED BY DUCKS UNLIMITED JUNE 2020.



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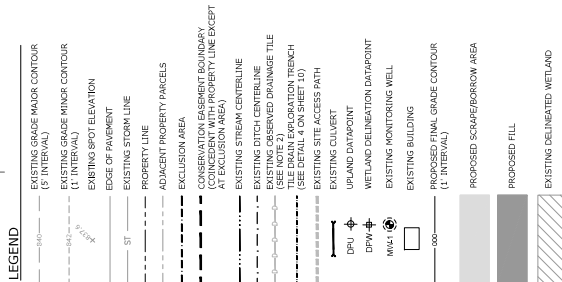
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 WATER TABLE AT 9"  
 SCL BORING BROWL ELEV. 640.7Z  
 D-1P MUCK  
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 SATURATION OBSERVED AT 14"  
 SCL BORING BROWL ELEV. 644.3Z  
 D-4F SANDY LOAM (POSSIBLY FILL)  
 14-20" MUCK  
 NO VISIBLE WATER  
 D-1P MUCK  
 SATURATION OBSERVED AT 17"  
 SCL BORING BROWL ELEV. 637.4Z  
 D-1P MUCK  
 SATURATION OBSERVED AT 19"  
 SCL BORING BROWL ELEV. 643.7Z  
 D-1P MUCK  
 SATURATION OBSERVED AT 19"  
 SCL BORING BROWL ELEV. 644.2Z  
 2'-4" MIXED MUCK AND PEATWOOD  
 4'-24" MUCK  
 WATER TABLE OBSERVED AT 7"  
 SCL BORING BROWL ELEV. 639.1Z  
 D-1P MUCK  
 SATURATION OBSERVED AT 12"  
 SCL BORING BROWL ELEV. 641.1Z  
 2'-32" GRAY SILT WITH ROCK  
 3'-24" GRAY SILT WITH ROCK  
 15'-47" MUCK  
 WATER TABLE OBSERVED AT 42"  
 SCL BORING BROWL ELEV. 641.9Z  
 D-1P MUCK  
 SATURATION OBSERVED AT 12"

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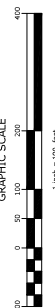
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PROPERTY LINE BASED ON BOUNDARY REPLACEMENT SURVEY BY DANIEL L. BARRY SURVEYOR, LLC DATED JANUARY 28, 2020.

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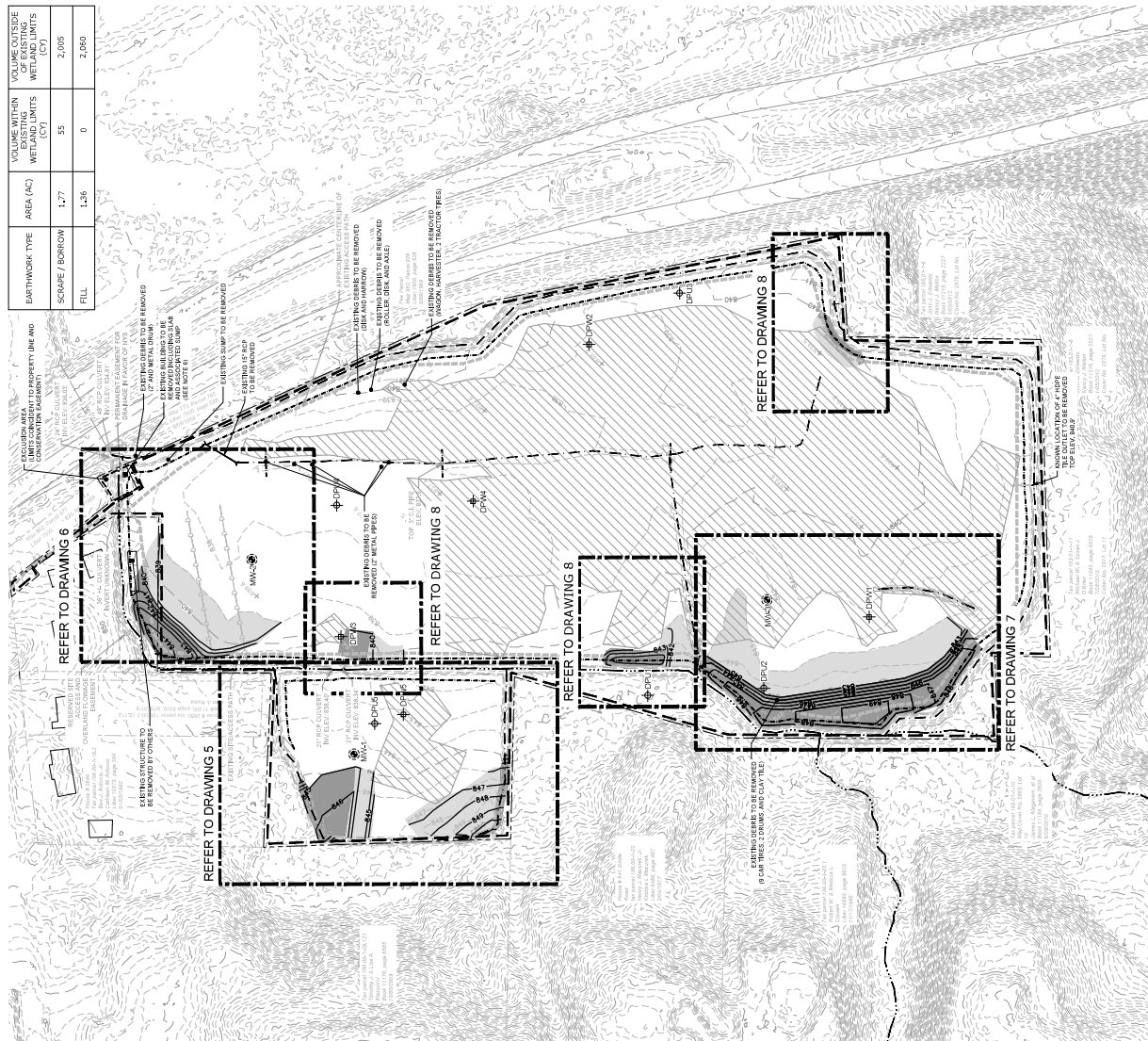
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EARTHWORK TYPE	AREA (AC)	VOLUME WITHIN EXISTING WETLAND LIMITS (CY)	VOLUME OUTSIDE OF EXISTING WETLAND LIMITS (CY)
SCRAPE / BORROW	1.77	55	2,005
FILL	1.36	0	2,060



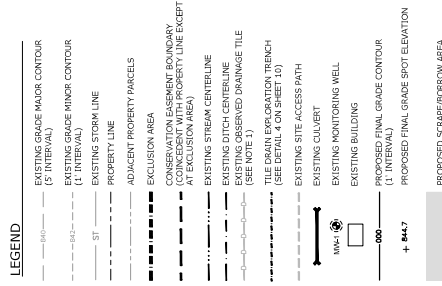
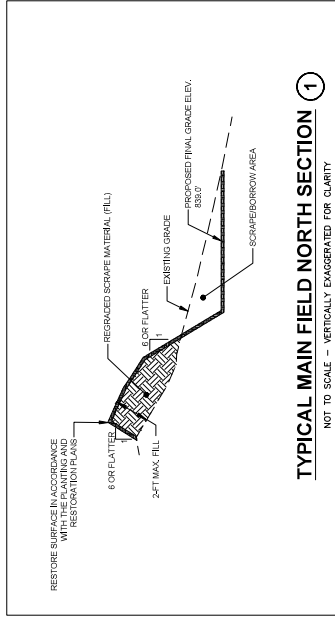
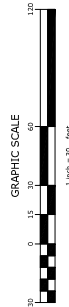
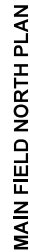
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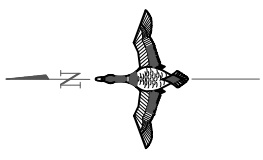


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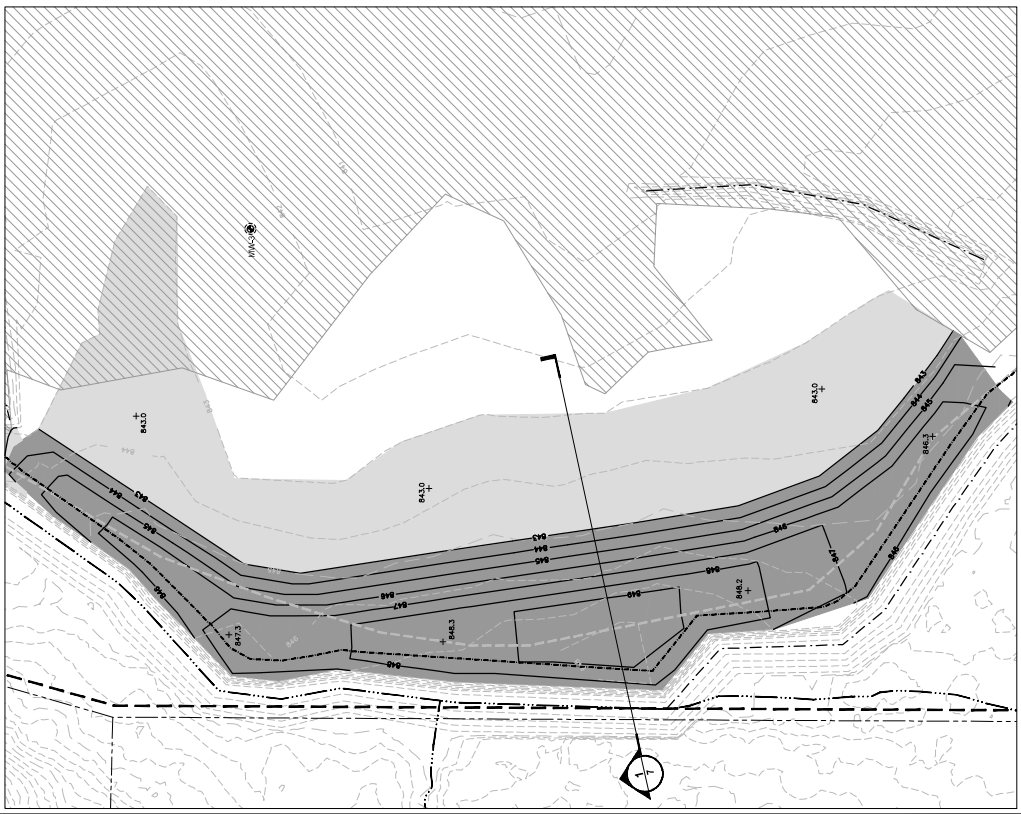
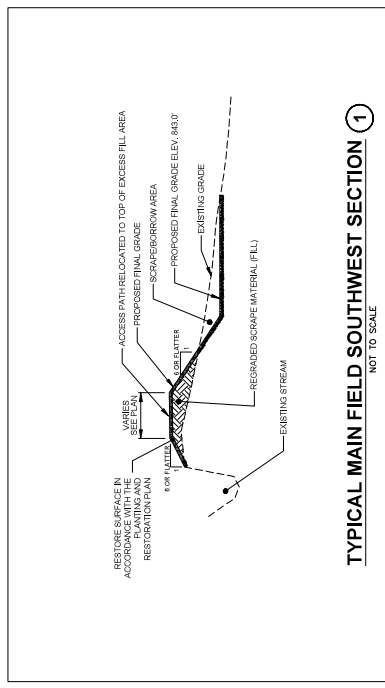
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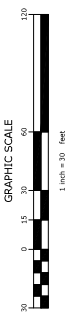
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  - RESTORE ACCESS WITH TILE DRAIN EXPLANATION TRENCH (SEE DETAIL 4 ON SHEET 1.0)
  - EXISTING STREAM CENTERLINE
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  - EXISTING MONITORING WELL
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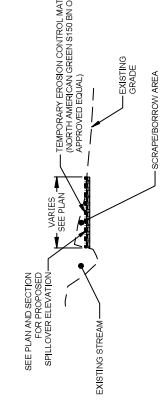
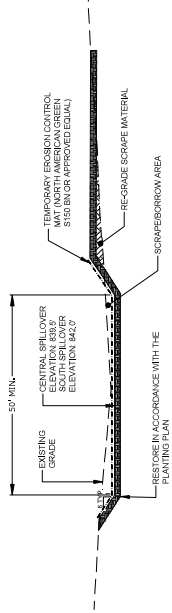
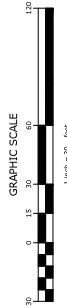
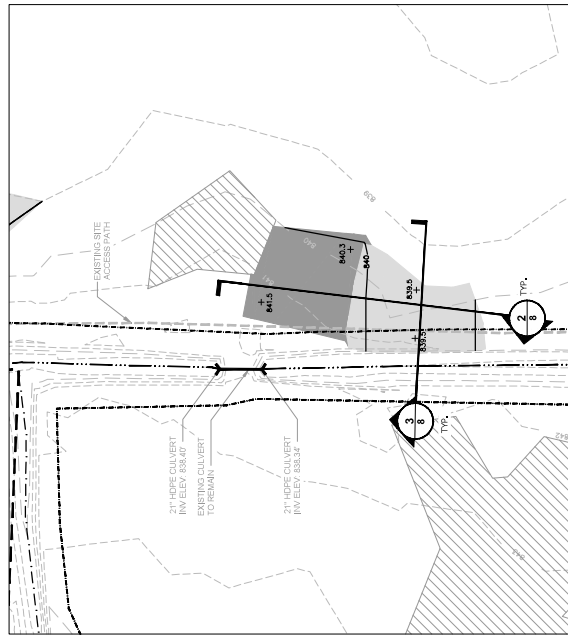
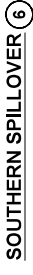
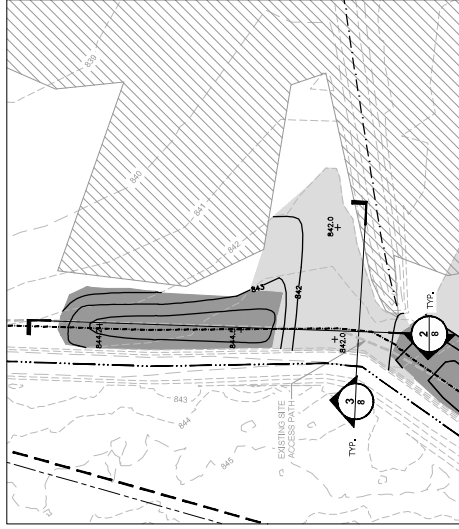
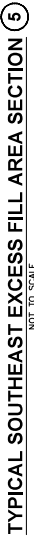
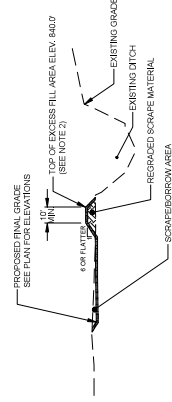
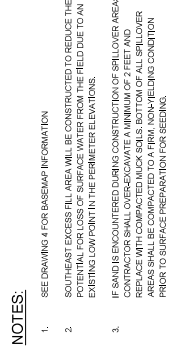
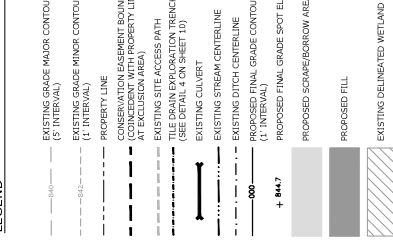
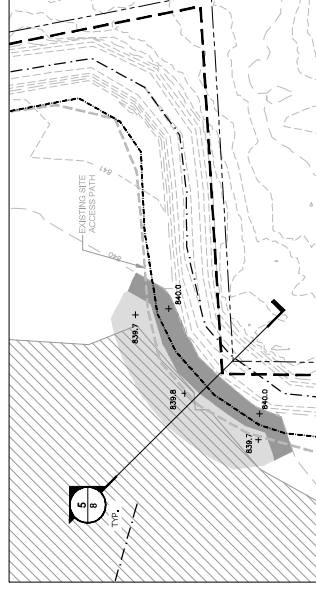
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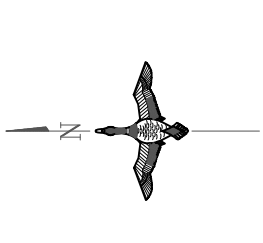
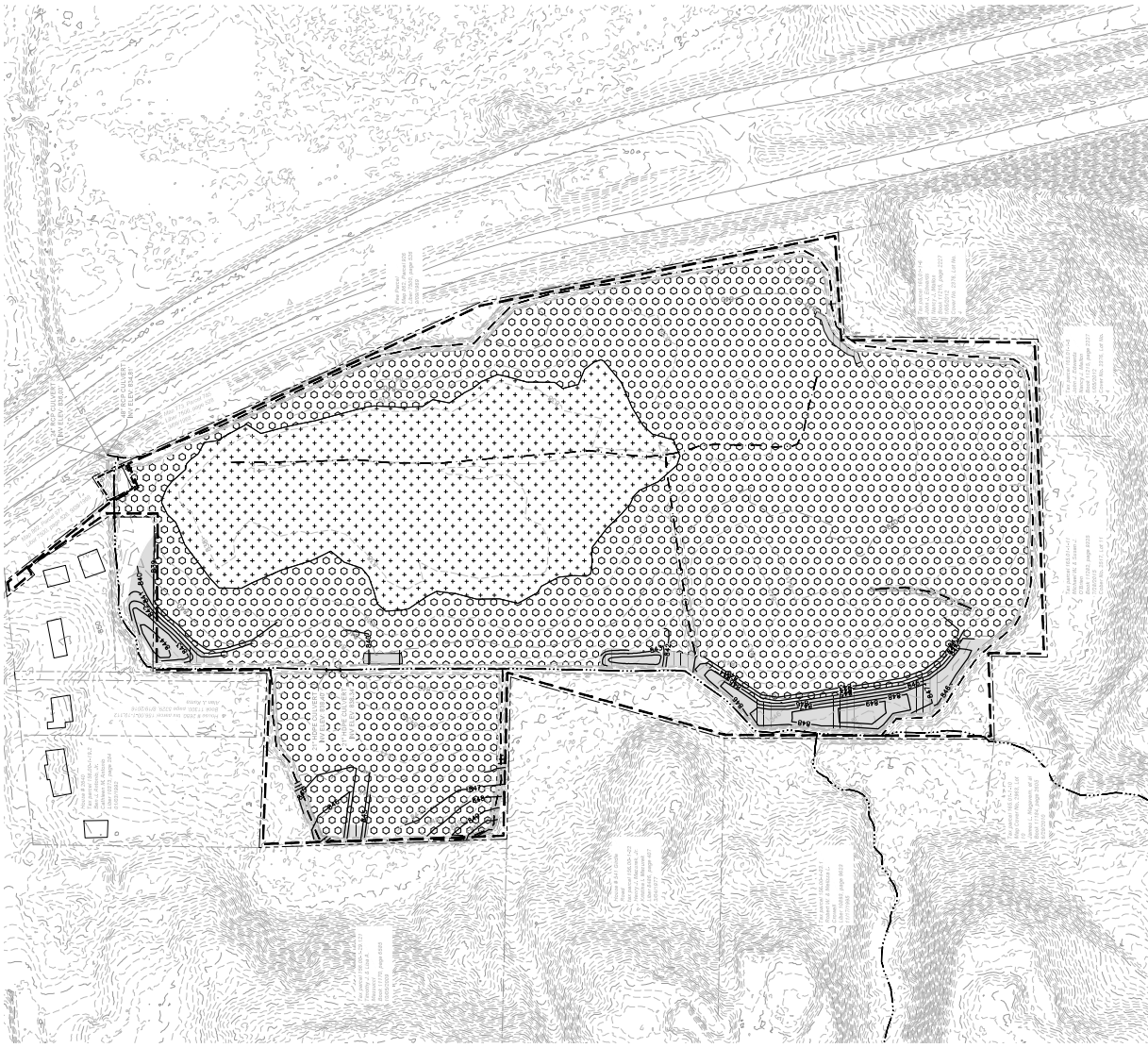








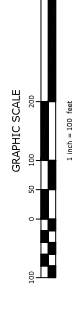




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PRM WETLAND SEED MIX	---
PRP PLANTINGS AND WETLAND SEED MIX	---
STANDARD UPLAND SEED MIX	---
UPLAND BUFFER PLANTINGS	---


- NOTES: SEEDING PRM, PRP, AND UPLAND BUFFERS.
- DUCKS UNLIMITED WILL PROVIDE AND APPLY THE WET AND SEED MIX (WETLAND SEED) FOR THE PRM AND PRP AREAS TO BE SEED. THE APPLICATION RATE IS 1500 LBS/AC.
  - REFER TO PLANTING NOTES AND DETAILS DRAWING FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.
  - PROPOSED PLANTINGS TO BE APPLIED ON INDICATED ON THE PLANTING NOTES AND DETAILS DRAWING FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.
  - PERSONS CONTRACT MATTERS SHALL BE LEFT NECESSARY TO FACILITATE INSTALLATION OF PLANTINGS WHERE NEEDED.

SEEDING/PLANTING AREA	ACREAGE
PRM WETLAND SEED MIX	6.05
PRP PLANTINGS AND WETLAND	17.56
UPLAND BUFFER PLANTINGS	0.90
STANDARD UPLAND SEED MIX	1.14



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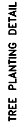
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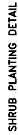


1. WETLAND PLANTING AND RESTORATION AREAS SHALL BE PREPARED PRIOR TO SEEDING, PREPARATION WILL INCLUDE CLEARING (I.E. MOWING) AND HEAVY DISKING OF ALL WETLAND AREAS IDENTIFIED ON THE PLANTING PLAN EXCEPT AREAS INDICATED ON THE RESTORATION PLAN.
2. THE SEED APPLICATION RATE IS INDICATED IN THE TABLE TO THE RIGHT, THE SEED MIX MAY BE MIXED WITH SAND/UST OR OTHER INERT FILLER, APPROVED BY THE ENGINEER FOR EASE OF APPLICATION, WETLAND SEEDING SHALL BE COMPLETED BETWEEN THE DATES OF MARCH 1 AND NOVEMBER 1.



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1. TREE/SHRUB HOLE DIMENSIONS WILL BE DUG BASED ON ROOT BALL SIZE. THE TREE/SHRUB HOLE SHALL BE A MINIMUM OF 2 TIMES THE DIAMETER AND 1.5 TIMES THE DEPTH OF THE ROOT BALL.
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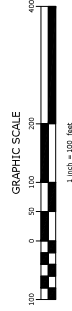
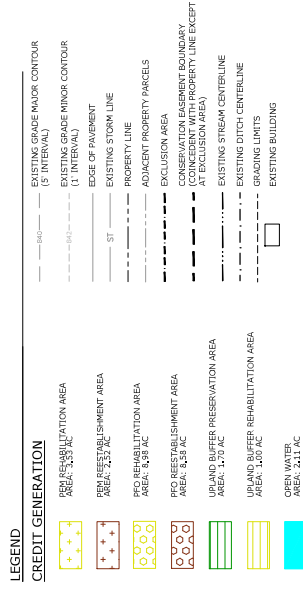
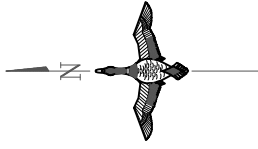
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## Appendix C. Cultural Resources Review



## Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation

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Governor

ERIK KULLESEID  
Commissioner

August 24, 2020

John Fraser  
Wetland Mitigation Specialist  
Ducks Unlimited, Inc.  
159 Dwight Park Circle  
Suite 205  
Syracuse, NY 13209

Re: USACE  
Blood Road Wetland Mitigation Project  
South of 2670 West Blood Rd, Elma, Erie County, NY  
20PR05096  
LRB-2010-00673 (ILFP)

Dear John Fraser:

Thank you for requesting the comments of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). We have reviewed the project in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. These comments are those of the SHPO and relate only to Historic/Cultural resources. They do not include potential environmental impacts to New York State Parkland that may be involved in or near your project. Such impacts must be considered as part of the environmental review of the project pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and/or the State Environmental Quality Review Act (New York Environmental Conservation Law Article 8).

Based upon this review, it is the opinion of the New York SHPO that no historic properties, including archaeological and/or historic resources, will be affected by this undertaking.

If further correspondence is required regarding this project, please be sure to refer to the OPRHP Project Review (PR) number noted above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "R. Daniel Mackay".

R. Daniel Mackay

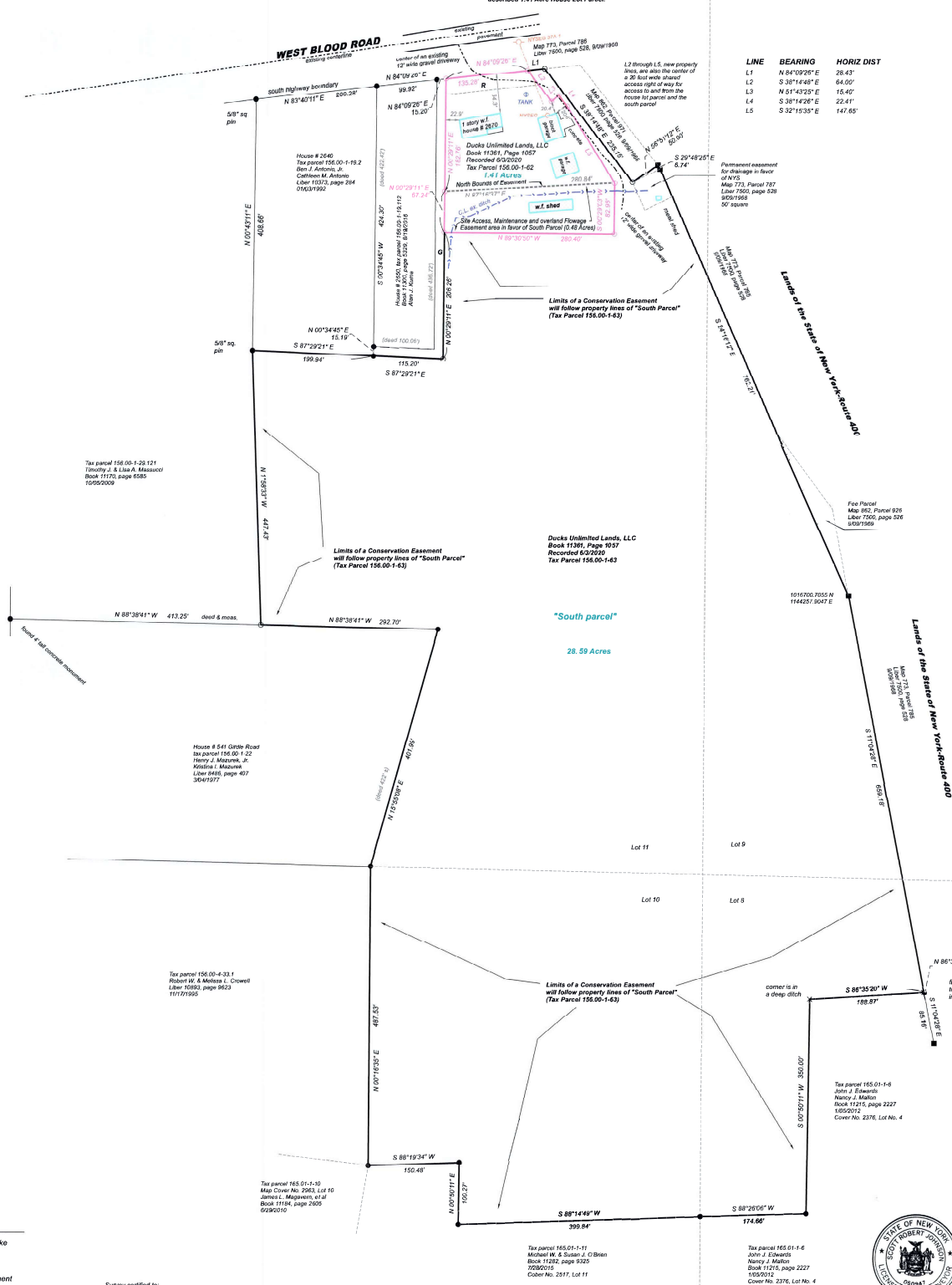
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer  
Division for Historic Preservation

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Book 11159, page 4174  
Recorded 2/28/2011  
Shown as Parcel G, in a sketch in search no. 2010-  
68294 prepared by Holland Land Title & Abstract  
Company, Inc. dated 12/08/2013



Grid North SPC (3103 NY West)  
NAD 83(2011) (EPOCH: 2010.0000)  
From GNSS Observations and  
OPUS Post processing  
Average Combined factor: 0.99990291  
Distances shown herein are grid distances

A shared access easement for an existing  
driveway, shared between the owners of  
the 1.41 acre House Lot Parcel and the  
28.59 Acre South Parcel, being the north  
25 feet of land conveyed by Thorpe to  
Ducks Unlimited Lands, LLC, and also  
being the north 25 feet of the above  
described 1.41 Acre House Lot Parcel.



## LEGEND

- Found Iron Stake or rebar
- Set 3/4" pin
- Granite Monument
- Power Pole



Survey certified to:  
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Hill & Pracher, P.C. Attorneys at Law  
Welland America Trust, Inc.  
Ducks Unlimited, Inc.  
Janice Carlone  
Shenandoah Meadows Agency, LLC  
Premier Mortgage Corporation  
Cheryl Stein Law Firm, PLLC  
I hereby certify to the parties listed on this plat, that this survey is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
This certification is not transferable to additional lending institutions or to subsequent owners.

Plat of a survey for

**Ducks Unlimited Lands**

2670 West Blood Road-Town of Elmira  
County of Erie, State of New York  
Part of Lots 8, 9, 10, & 11, Town 10, Range 5 of the  
Buffalo Creek Reservation

Job No. 4849-19

Dated: January 28, 2020

Revised: 10/14/2020; Updated for Ducks Unlimited

Note: the date shown on this plat is the date of the completion of the field survey work.  
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## Appendix E. Threatened and Endangered Species Review



### United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE  
New York Ecological Services Field Office

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Cortland, NY 13045-9385

Phone: (607) 753-9334 Fax: (607) 753-9699

<http://www.fws.gov/northeast/nyfo/es/section7.htm>



In Reply Refer To:

January 25, 2021

Consultation Code: 05E1NY00-2021-SLI-1185

Event Code: 05E1NY00-2021-E-03819

Project Name: Blood Road Muck In-Lieu Fee Wetland Mitigation Project

Subject: List of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project location or may be affected by your proposed project

To Whom It May Concern:

The enclosed species list identifies threatened, endangered, proposed and candidate species, as well as proposed and final designated critical habitat, that may occur within the boundary of your proposed project and/or may be affected by your proposed project. The species list fulfills the requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). This list can also be used to determine whether listed species may be present for projects without federal agency involvement. New information based on updated surveys, changes in the abundance and distribution of species, changed habitat conditions, or other factors could change this list.

Please feel free to contact us if you need more current information or assistance regarding the potential impacts to federally proposed, listed, and candidate species and federally designated and proposed critical habitat. Please note that under 50 CFR 402.12(e) of the regulations implementing section 7 of the ESA, the accuracy of this species list should be verified after 90 days. This verification can be completed formally or informally as desired. The Service recommends that verification be completed by visiting the ECOS-IPaC site at regular intervals during project planning and implementation for updates to species lists and information. An updated list may be requested through the ECOS-IPaC system by completing the same process used to receive the enclosed list. If listed, proposed, or candidate species were identified as potentially occurring in the project area, coordination with our office is encouraged. Information on the steps involved with assessing potential impacts from projects can be found at: <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/nyfo/es/section7.htm>

Please be aware that bald and golden eagles are protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668 *et seq.*), and projects affecting these species may require development of an eagle conservation plan ([http://www.fws.gov/windenergy/eagle\\_guidance.html](http://www.fws.gov/windenergy/eagle_guidance.html)). Additionally, wind energy projects should follow the Services wind



energy guidelines (<http://www.fws.gov/windenergy/>) for minimizing impacts to migratory birds and bats.

Guidance for minimizing impacts to migratory birds for projects including communications towers (e.g., cellular, digital television, radio, and emergency broadcast) can be found at: <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/CurrentBirdIssues/Hazards/towers/towers.htm>; <http://www.towerkill.com>; and <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/CurrentBirdIssues/Hazards/towers/comtow.html>.

We appreciate your concern for threatened and endangered species. The Service encourages Federal agencies to include conservation of threatened and endangered species into their project planning to further the purposes of the ESA. Please include the Consultation Tracking Number in the header of this letter with any request for consultation or correspondence about your project that you submit to our office.

Attachment(s):

- Official Species List



## Official Species List

This list is provided pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and fulfills the requirement for Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary of the Interior information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of a proposed action".

This species list is provided by:

**New York Ecological Services Field Office**

3817 Luker Road

Cortland, NY 13045-9385

(607) 753-9334

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## Project Summary

Consultation Code: 05E1NY00-2021-SLI-1185

Event Code: 05E1NY00-2021-E-03819

Project Name: Blood Road Muck In-Lieu Fee Wetland Mitigation Project

Project Type: LAND - RESTORATION / ENHANCEMENT

Project Description: The project site is a former muck field on West Blood Road in the Town of Elma, Erie County, NY. Wetlands will be restored and enhanced on the site to mitigate for wetland impacts permitted by the US Army Corps of Engineers. Restoration activities include tile drain disruption, shallow grading, and plugging of a secondary drainage ditch. After earthwork is complete, the site will be planted to a mix native wetland emergent and woody species.

Project Location:

Approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: <https://www.google.com/maps/@42.789999699999996,-78.59963126123634,14z>



Counties: Erie County, New York

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## Endangered Species Act Species

There is a total of 1 threatened, endangered, or candidate species on this species list.

Species on this list should be considered in an effects analysis for your project and could include species that exist in another geographic area. For example, certain fish may appear on the species list because a project could affect downstream species.

IPaC does not display listed species or critical habitats under the sole jurisdiction of NOAA Fisheries<sup>1</sup>, as USFWS does not have the authority to speak on behalf of NOAA and the Department of Commerce.

See the "Critical habitats" section below for those critical habitats that lie wholly or partially within your project area under this office's jurisdiction. Please contact the designated FWS office if you have questions.

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1. [NOAA Fisheries](#), also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the Department of Commerce.

## Mammals

NAME	STATUS
Northern Long-eared Bat <i>Myotis septentrionalis</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9045">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9045</a>	Threatened

## Critical habitats

THERE ARE NO CRITICAL HABITATS WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA UNDER THIS OFFICE'S JURISDICTION.

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## **Appendix G. Default and Closure Provisions**

### **Default**

If the IRT determines that the Sponsor is in material default of any provision of the Instrument or an approved mitigation plan, the IRT, acting through the USACE, shall provide notice of the specific circumstances or actions which constitute a default(s) in writing to the Sponsor and providing a reasonable period of time to cure the default. If the Sponsor does not remedy the default or provide a remedial action plan acceptable to the IRT in a timely manner, the USACE may take appropriate action. Such actions may include, but are not limited to, suspending credit sales, decreasing available credits, approving the use of funds at an alternate location, taking enforcement actions, calling upon financial assurances, or terminating the Instrument. In the event that the DU-NY-ILF program is terminated, DU is responsible for fulfilling any remaining obligations for credits sold. Default closure procedures for either the entire ILF Instrument or a specific service area may proceed within thirty (30) days upon written notification by either the Buffalo and New York District Engineers or Ducks Unlimited. In the event that either the ILF Instrument or a specific service area is closed, DU is responsible for fulfilling any remaining obligations for credits sold prior to closure unless the obligation is specifically transferred to another entity as agreed to by the District Engineer and DU. DU shall be reimbursed from the ILF program account for all costs incurred in fulfilling the remaining obligations. The Corps may review and approve use of these funds to purchase credits from another source of third-party mitigation or disburse funds to a governmental or non-profit natural resource management entity willing to undertake further compensation activities. The Corps itself cannot accept directly, retain, or draw upon those funds in the event of a default.

### **Instrument Closure Provisions**

Any funds remaining in the program account after the mitigation obligations are satisfied must be used for the restoration and/or preservation of aquatic resources and associated upland buffers within the service area in which the funds reside unless otherwise approved by the District Engineer.

The final release of credits will take place once the IRT concurs that all the performance standards and obligations have been met and the final wetland delineation has been verified. The final number of mitigation credits will be based upon attainment of performance standards and a wetlands delineation completed by DU or its affiliates and verified by USACE following the final monitoring year. Final closure of the ILF Site will take place after all approved mitigation credits have been sold. DU shall continue to comply with the sale reporting requirements of the Instrument Amendment until such time as all credits have been sold. Should DU request the ILF Site be formally closed prior to sale of all released credits, the remaining unsold credits will be forfeited by the site and no further sales may occur.

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## **Appendix H. Site Access Management and Overland Flowage Easement**



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**SITE ACCESS, MAINTENANCE, AND OVERLAND FLOWAGE EASEMENT**  
**Blood Rd Muck Compensatory Mitigation Site**  
**US-NY-236-8**



**DUCKS UNLIMITED, INC.**

**JAMIE J. CARLONE**

THIS SITE ACCESS, MAINTENANCE, AND OVERLAND FLOWAGE EASEMENT (“**Agreement**”) is made and entered into on the date last executed below by and between **DUCKS UNLIMITED, INC.**, (who with its heirs, successors, and assigns are collectively referred to herein as “**DU**”) a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the District of Columbia, with an address of One Waterfowl Way, Memphis, Tennessee 38120, and **JAMIE J. CARLONE** (who with his heirs, successors, and assigns are collectively referred to herein as “**House Lot Owner**”), with an address of 2670 West Blood Road, East Aurora, New York 14052. DU and House Lot Owner collectively shall be referred to as the “**Parties**.”

WHEREAS, House Lot Owner owns a 1.41-acre parcel of land (“**House Lot Parcel**”), identified by the address 2670 West Blood Road, East Aurora, New York 14052, which land was conveyed to House Lot Owner by deed recorded in the Erie County Clerk’s Office simultaneously herewith. The House Lot Parcel is more particularly described in **Exhibit A** and is identified as Tax Parcel 156.00-1-62 on the survey map attached as **Exhibit E**, which survey map is entitled “Plat of a survey for Ducks Unlimited Lands,” dated January 28, 2020, bearing a revision date of October 14, 2020.

WHEREAS, Ducks Unlimited Lands, LLC, a Tennessee nonprofit limited liability company, with an address of One Waterfowl Way, Memphis, Tennessee 38120, whose sole owner is DU, owns the residual 28.59-acre parcel of land (“**South Parcel**”), being the remainder of the premises originally conveyed to Ducks Unlimited Lands, LLC, by deed recorded in the Erie County Clerk’s Office, in Deed Book 11361 at Page 1057. The South Parcel is identified on the survey map attached as **Exhibit E** and is more particularly described in **Exhibit B**.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Department of the Army In Lieu Fee Site/Program for the purpose of developing wetland mitigation credits, DU will construct a wetland mitigation project, the Blood Rd Muck Compensatory Mitigation Site (“**Site**”), on approximately Twenty-Nine and 7/100 (29.07) Acres consisting of the South Parcel as well as **48/100 (0.48) Acres** of the House Lot Parcel. This wetland mitigation project includes restoration and protection of natural resources. The referenced 0.48-acre tract of land (“**Easement Area**”) is more particularly described in **Exhibit C** and depicted as the “**Site Access, Maintenance, And Overland Flowage Easement Area**” on the survey map attached as **Exhibit E**. The Easement Area includes the ditch depicted as the “C.L. ex. ditch” on the **Exhibit E** survey map (“**Ditch**”).

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the transfer of the 1.41-acre House Lot Parcel to House Lot Owner, DU and House Lot Owner desire to enter into this Agreement to allow DU to manage the hydrology of the Easement Area, including increasing and decreasing surface water, and the vegetation within the Easement Area. Such management is necessary for the construction of the wetland mitigation project and for the management and protection of the wetland mitigation

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project and South Parcel. DU and House Lot Owner also desire to ensure that DU's activities do not cause an increase of surface water on the House Lot Parcel or other properties.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

**1. RESTRICTIONS ON HOUSE LOT OWNERS USE OF THE EASEMENT**

**AREA.** Unless House Lot Owner obtains the prior written approval of DU, House Lot Owner shall not conduct or cause any of the following activities within the Easement Area:

- a. Anything which could (i) obstruct, impede, or otherwise alter or interfere with the flow of surface water over the Easement Area, including through the Ditch; (ii) increase or decrease surface water on the Easement Area or South Parcel; or (iii) interfere with DU's ability to maintain the Easement Area;
- b. Construction or placement of any structure, building, fence, road, trail, material, device, thing, or matter;
- c. Planting or removal of any trees, shrubs, brush, or other vegetation; however, House Lot Owner may mow the grass without DU approval;
- d. Placement of trash, yard waste, or other waste;
- e. Change of the grade, elevation, or contour of any part of the Easement Area;
- f. Conversion of the habitat type from a wetland state;
- g. Use of any motorized vehicles, including all-terrain vehicles, or heavy construction equipment, except in the case of emergency; or
- h. Use of any herbicides, pesticides, fertilizers, or other chemicals.

**2. DU'S RIGHTS IN AND TO THE EASEMENT AREA.** DU and its consultants, contractors, subcontractors, and other agents shall have the right, at DU's expense, to conduct the following activities within the Easement Area so long as such activities do not cause an increase of surface water on the House Lot Parcel:

- a. Improvement, repair, and maintenance of the Easement Area in whatever manner necessary to ensure the success of the wetland mitigation project, to provide adequate and proper drainage, and to protect public health, safety, and general welfare;
- b. Alteration and management of the hydrology of the Easement Area, including construction and placement of water control structures and increasing and decreasing surface water within the Easement Area;
- c. Keeping, preserving, and maintaining the Easement Area free from any obstructions that could obstruct, impede, or otherwise interfere with the normal flow of surface water over the Easement Area, including through the Ditch, or which could interfere with DU's ability to maintain the Easement Area;
- d. Removal of any unauthorized obstruction, impediment, structure, building, fence, road, trail, material, device, thing, or matter constructed or placed within the Easement Area;
- e. Removal of the structure identified as "w.f. shed" on the Exhibit E survey map;
- f. Planting, management, and removal of trees, shrubs, brush, and other vegetation;
- g. Removal of trash, yard waste, and other waste;

- h. Management of invasive plant species;
- i. Change of the grade, elevation, or contour of the Easement Area, including the Ditch;
- j. Restoration of the habitat type to a wetland state, and prevention of the conversion of habitat type from a wetland state;
- k. Prevention of unlawful trespassing;
- l. Prevention of the use of all-terrain vehicles and other motorized vehicles;
- m. Monitoring of the Easement Area, including but not limited to wetland delineations, wetland boundary surveys, and plant identification; and
- n. Placement and maintenance of signs to identify the Easement Area as a wetland mitigation project or protected land and to provide warnings necessary to protect public safety. The number, size, and content of any such signs are subject to House Lot Owner's written approval, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

DU, in its sole discretion, may use herbicides, pesticides, fertilizers, and heavy construction equipment to carry out its rights pursuant to this Agreement. House Lot Owner shall cooperate with DU to obtain any necessary permits, as determined by DU in its sole discretion.

3. **DU'S RIGHT OF ACCESS.** Pursuant to that Reciprocal Access and Maintenance Agreement recorded in the Erie County Clerk's Office simultaneously herewith, DU and its contractors, agents, officers, members, employees, invitees, licensees, and guests have the right to use the driveway, as described in Exhibit D, for ingress and egress to the Easement Area.
4. **LIMITATIONS ON DU'S ACCESS.** The easement, covenants, and rights granted hereby are expressly limited and restricted to the reasonably necessary use by DU, its consultants, contractors, subcontractors, and other agents in carrying out DU's rights pursuant to this Agreement. At such time as any such equipment or materials are no longer necessary to carry out such rights, DU shall promptly remove such equipment and facilities from the Easement Area.
5. **LIENS.** The Parties shall save and keep the Easement Area free from all mechanic's and materialmen's liens and all other liens or claims, legal or equitable. In the event any lien or claim is filed by any person claiming by, through, or under DU or House Lot Owner, such lien or claim shall be removed and discharged by defendant/respondent party within ten (10) days of defendant/respondent party's receipt of written notice of the filing thereof.
6. **WETLAND MITIGATION CREDITS.** House Lot Owner hereby relinquishes claim to ownership of wetland mitigation credits and to reimbursement from sale of wetland mitigation credits and provides exclusive right to DU to market and sell wetland mitigation credits developed by the wetland mitigation project.

7. **PARTIES' RELATIONSHIP.** This Agreement is entered into by the Parties solely to describe and define the Easement Area, provide access to the Easement Area for the purposes described herein, and to define the rights, obligations, and liabilities of the Parties associated therewith. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be deemed or construed to make DU or its consultants, contractors, subcontractors, and agents the employee or agent of House Lot Owner, or to create any partnership, joint venture, or other association between the Parties hereto.
8. **AGREEMENT RUNS WITH THE LAND.** This Agreement shall be perpetual, permanent, and run with the land and is binding upon, and inures to the benefit of, the Parties and their heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns. House Lot Owner agrees that this agreement shall be referenced and in any and all deeds or other instruments recorded or encumbering the House Lot Parcel. This Agreement and any amendments thereto shall be recorded in the land records of the County where the Easement Area is located.
9. **ASSIGNMENT BY DU.** DU may assign its rights and obligations under this Agreement by giving thirty (30) days' prior written notice to House Lot Owner pursuant to Section 22 (Notices) herein.
10. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement constitutes the sole and complete agreement between the Parties and no representations or promises not included in these writings shall be binding upon any Party to this Agreement.
11. **AMENDMENTS.** No amendment, modification or attempt to supersede or cancel any terms or conditions hereof shall be effective unless such amendment, modification, or direction to supersede or cancel such term or conditions is in writing executed by both DU and House Lot Owner. Such agreements shall be recorded in the land records of the County where the Easement Area is located.
12. **EMINENT DOMAIN AND CONDEMNATION.** Whenever any interest in all or a portion of the Easement Area or Site is taken by involuntary conversion, such as an exercise of eminent domain, DU and House Lot Owner shall each take appropriate actions at the time of such taking to recover the full value of the taking and all incidental, consequential, and direct damages resulting from the taking. House Lot Owner shall be entitled to all damages related to the Easement Area. DU shall be entitled to all damages related to the Site and reduction in value of the Site, including the estimated value of credits on the Site. In addition, if, in DU's sole discretion, the taking substantially frustrates the purpose of this Agreement, then DU may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days' written notice thereof to House Lot Owner, in which case both Parties shall be released from their obligations hereunder, and DU shall record a Notice of Termination in the land records of the County where the Easement Area is located.
13. **RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES.** DU and House Lot Owner shall promptly and in good faith attempt to resolve by direct negotiation any dispute arising out of or relating to this Agreement. If those negotiations are not successful, the Parties shall in good faith attempt to resolve the dispute through mediation. The Parties shall appoint a mutually acceptable person. If the Parties cannot agree on who should serve as

mediator, each Party shall submit to the other a list of three potential mediators acceptable to them. Each Party shall then strike two names from the list provided by the other. The two people remaining in the lists shall confer and jointly name a mediator. The mediation will be held no later than ninety (90) days after the dispute has arisen, and the costs of the mediation shall be shared equally by the Parties. Except as provided in Section 13.c. (DU's Remedies), no judicial action may be instituted by either Party until after such mediation has been held. If the mediation is not successful and a judicial action is instituted, the Parties shall not assert the defense of the statute of limitations or laches based upon the time devoted to attempting to resolve the dispute in accordance with this Section.

#### **14. NOTICE OF BREACH, ENFORCEMENT, AND DU'S REMEDIES.**

- a. NOTICE OF BREACH.** If DU determines that House Lot Owner is in violation of the terms of this Agreement or that a violation is threatened, DU shall give written notice to House Lot Owner of such violation and demand corrective action sufficient to cure the violation and, where the violation involves injury to the Easement Area or Site resulting from any use or activity inconsistent with DU's rights pursuant to this Agreement, to restore the portion of the Easement Area and Site so injured to the condition existing immediately prior to the violation complained of.
- b. ENFORCEMENT.** If House Lot Owner fails to cure the violation within thirty (30) days after receipt of notice thereof from DU, or under circumstances where the violation cannot reasonably be cured within a thirty (30) day period, fails to begin curing such violation within the thirty (30) day period and fails to continue diligently to cure such violation until finally cured, DU may bring an action at law or in equity in a court of competent jurisdiction to enforce the terms of this Agreement, to enjoin the violation, by temporary or permanent injunction, to recover any damages to which it may be entitled for violation of the terms of this Agreement or harm to the Easement Area or Site, including damages, costs, and attorney's fees, or to require the restoration of the Easement Area and Site to the condition that existed immediately prior to any such injury. Without limiting House Lot Owner's liability therefore, DU, in its sole discretion, may apply any damages recovered to the cost of undertaking any corrective action on the Easement Area or Site.
- c. DU'S REMEDIES.** DU has the right to enforce this Agreement by proceedings in law and in equity, including without limitation the right to require the restoration of the Easement Area and Site to a condition existing immediately prior to the violation complained of in compliance herewith. If DU, in its sole discretion, determines that circumstances require immediate action to prevent or mitigate significant damage to the Easement Area or Site, DU may pursue its remedies under this Section without prior notice to House Lot Owner or without waiting for the period provided for cure to expire. DU's rights under this Section apply equally in the event of either actual or threatened violations of the terms of this Agreement, and House Lot Owner agrees that DU's remedies at law for any violation of the terms of this Agreement are inadequate and that DU shall be



entitled to the injunctive relief described in this Section, both prohibitive and mandatory, in addition to such other relief to which DU may be entitled, including specific performance of the terms of this Agreement, without the necessity of proving either actual damages or the inadequacy of otherwise available legal remedies. DU's remedies described in this Section shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to, and not in limitation of, all remedies now or hereafter existing at law or in equity. Nothing herein shall be construed to entitle DU to institute any proceedings against House Lot Owner for any changes to the Easement Area or Site due to natural causes beyond House Lot Owner's control.

15. **WAIVER.** No waiver of the breach of any provision of this Agreement shall be construed to be a waiver of any subsequent breach of the same or of any other provision in this Agreement.
16. **ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS.** If any action at law or in equity is instituted to enforce or interpret the terms of this Agreement, the prevailing Party shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and costs of investigation, in addition to any other relief to which the Party may be entitled.
17. **INDEMNIFICATION.** Each Party shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the other and the other's officers, directors, and employees from and against those liabilities, damages, and costs arising out of third party claims to the extent caused by the willful misconduct, negligent act, error, or omission of the indemnifying Party or anyone for whom the indemnifying Party is legally responsible.
18. **SEVERABILITY.** If any term or covenant of this Agreement or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.
19. **CONTROLLING LAW.** This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the state where the Easement Area is located without regard to laws governing choice of law outside the state.
20. **CONSTRUCTION.** Notwithstanding any general rule of construction to the contrary, the Parties agree that each Party had counsel or the opportunity to have counsel review this Agreement, and this Agreement shall be liberally construed in favor of DU's use of the Easement Area as a wetland mitigation project. Any ambiguities in this Agreement and questions as to the validity of any of its specific provisions shall be resolved in favor of DU so as to preserve DU's use of the Easement Area as a wetland mitigation project.
21. **HEADINGS.** The headings in this Agreement are inserted only for the purpose of convenient reference and shall not control or affect the meaning or construction of any provision of this Agreement.
22. **COUNTERPARTS.** This Agreement may be executed in identical counterparts, all of which executed counterparts shall constitute one complete document.

23. **NOTICES.** All notices, requests, demands, approvals, or other communications hereunder shall be in writing and addressed as follows:

**If to House Lot Owner:** Jamie J. Carlone  
2670 West Blood Road  
East Aurora, NY 14052

**If to DU:** Ducks Unlimited, Inc.  
Attn: Director of Land Protection  
One Waterfowl Way  
Memphis, TN 38120

**With Copy to:** Ducks Unlimited, Inc.  
Attn: Manager of Conservation Services -  
Mitigation  
Great Lakes/Atlantic Regional Office  
7322 Newman Blvd., Building 1  
Dexter, MI 48130

All such notices, requests, demands, and other communications shall be deemed to have been served if delivered by hand; by certified United States mail, return receipt requested, with proper postage prepaid; or by such commercial delivery service as provides proof of delivery.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement in the manner appropriate to each, effective as of the last date executed below.

**HOUSE LOT OWNER:**

**Jamie J. Carlone**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Jamie J. Carlone**

State of \_\_\_\_\_

New York

County of \_\_\_\_\_

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On 11/25/20 before me personally came JAMIE J. CARLONE  
personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual(s) whose name(s) is (are)  
subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their capacity(ies) and  
that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument, the individual(s), or the person on behalf of which the individual(s) acted,  
executed the instrument.

(Seal)

**FRANCIS R. CIURA**  
Notary Public, State of New York  
Qualified in Erie County  
My Commission Expires July 30, 2021

Notary Public

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

DUCKS UNLIMITED, INC.

By: DRL

Printed Name: Darin Blunck

Title: Chief Financial Officer

State of Tennessee

County of Shelby

On this 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020 Darin Blunck  
personally appeared before me and voluntarily executed the foregoing **Site  
Access, Maintenance, and Overland Flowage Easement**, which he acknowledged he is  
authorized to sign as the CFO of **DUCKS UNLIMITED, INC.**

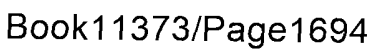
In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

(Seal)



My Commission Expires  
September 7, 2022

Jennifer Roy  
Notary Public  
Printed Name: Jennifer Roy  
My Commission Expires: 9/7/22



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